TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stevens Point, Wisconsin Ministers: Every Baptized Member

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's Liturgy uses ELW Setting 8

August 13, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Prelude: "Concerto in B Minor" Oskar Rieding

Announcements

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for prayer and reflection. Gracious God,

- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves in to the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- **P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

*Gathering Hymn: "Evening and Morning"

*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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C: And also with you.

*Kyrie (congregation sings the refrain)

(Kyrie eleison means Lord, have mercy in Greek.)



Cantor (sings the verses)

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

*Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

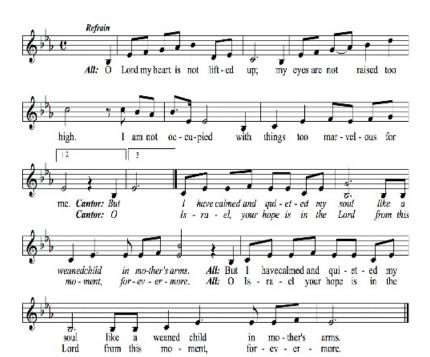
Children's Lesson

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:9–13

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"



Second Reading:

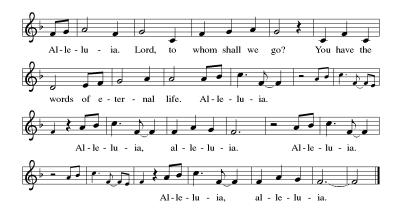
Psalm 131

Romans 10:8-15

⁸What does it say [in scripture]? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-33

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 14.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

Pastor Clay Schmit

Hymn of the Day: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" ELW #756

*The Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of the Church

A:Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P:through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Special Music: "I Then Shall Live"

arr. L. Larson

Offering Prayer

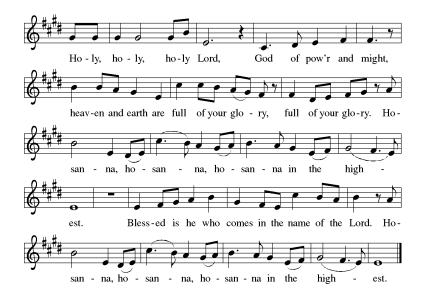
A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

- **P:** The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- **P:** Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- **P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- **P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy



*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thing is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

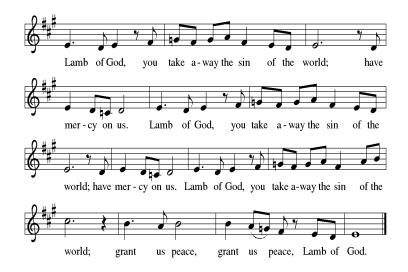
*Invitation to Communion

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion

The table of Christ is open to all who believe. You are welcome to come to this meal. We believe that the risen Christ meets us here in person to offer us forgiveness and strength to live our lives of faith. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available; please just ask the servers. Please take a moment to fill our communication card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Thank you.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymns:

"Now the Silence"	ELW #460
"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"	ELW #774
"When Peace like a River"	ELW #785

*Communion Blessing

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*Prayer after Communion

A: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Sharing Our Meal with the Homebound

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn: "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" ELW #763

*Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Bring God's love to the world in worship, witness and service.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Musicians:

Andrea Chartier, violinist Debbie Bloedorn & Barb Towey, vocal duet

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INSPIRING WORSHIP ALL WEEK

K E Y	Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting," Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." Matthew 15:22–25
R E A D I N G	Preparing for Sunday, August 20 Day 1 – Isaiah 56:1, 6–8 Day 2 – Psalm 67 Day 3 – Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32 Day 4 – Matthew 15:10–28 Day 5 – Isaiah 1:17 Day 6 – Proverbs 31:8–9 * Sunday readings in bold
A P P L Y	One of the responsibilities we have as followers of Christ is to be "advocates." In this Sunday's Gospel, the Canaanite woman, whose courage and persistence in confronting Jesus that day, made sure he did not look past her daughter's needs. Those needs of others haven't gone away. Every day we encounter them: the hurting, the silenced, those hungry, or facing injustice. Jesus hears their cries. How can we be a voice, an advocate, for those who need one? How does our faith empower us to do so?
P R A Y E R	Loving God, You know the needs of all your people. Give us the faith and courage to speak up for those longing to be heard. Bring to us an awareness of the reality of injustice. Help us to be a voice for those who are too often forgotten, that they may experience compassion and understanding. Go with us each day as we love and serve others in your name. Amen.

Devotions written by Trinity members.

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