



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 9, 2020
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Thought: (Prayer) 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.

As Jesus outstretched hand reaches for you, remember to reach in return. Life does have its storms! Even so, we are asked to reach out and speak the Word to others in need and needing to hear the Good news.

2 Timothy 4 says: "I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching."

Prelude – 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) – Matt Redman

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Matt-Redman-10000-Reasons-Bless-the-Lord-137140.mp4>

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 29)

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

L: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**C: May the Lord give strength to God's people!
May the Lord bless the people with peace.**

Gathering Music – Open the Eyes of My Heart – Michael W. Smith
<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Open-the-Eyes-of-My-Heart-135140.mp4>

Invocation

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

Prayer of Confession

P: Forever-loving and forgiving God, when we feel overwhelmed by what life does to us, we confess that we find it hard to see beyond our own difficulties to how you are sending us hope and help.

A time of silence and reflection

Though we know we are to keep our eyes upon Jesus,

C: we often just see our problems. We confess to you that often when we feel overwhelmed and burdened, we forget that you are God-with-us. Forgive us when we only complain about what's wrong, rather than thank you for what you have already made right.

P: When we are guilty of failing to look beyond our own troubles to the needs of others, remind us that we are to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill your will for us.

C: Help us to do better. Amen.

Greeting

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

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise – Before the Throne of God Above – Selah

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Before-the-Throne-of-God-Above-Selah-with-lyrics-137140.mp4>

Prayer of the Day

L: Lord Jesus, we come to church because you have called us together.
Or, in our homes, as we are able. You have spoken, called us by name, and
summoned us forth to be your disciples.

C: Lord, reveal yourself to us. Show us your glory. Speak to us in such
a way that we will know that the one who meets us on Sunday in worship
is the same one who has called us to witness, to serve, to suffer, and to
risk discipleship Monday through Saturday in the world. Reveal yourself
to us, Jesus, our Savior and Lord, our friend and redeemer. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At that place he 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?” ¹⁰ He 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.”

¹¹ He 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; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When 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?” ¹⁴ He 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.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying.

⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

¹² The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³ Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

Epistle reading – Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because 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. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But 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? ¹⁵ And 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!”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<https://youtu.be/T3JV365gdLk>

Jesus Walks on the Water

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

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time

https://youtu.be/6GV_Vz9-PHE

Homily – “I Believe; Help My Unbelief!”

<https://youtu.be/P0kz12r9vZk>

Music of the Day – Eternal Father Strong to Save

<https://youtu.be/bDjwUzUnNpU>

Prayers of Intercession

P: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ where he leads. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace.

Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

L: Loving God, may these gifts be useful in your work of lifting the spirits of those who are feeling low – those who feel like no one cares.

C: Use them to ease the burden of those who are being held down and held back, and who do not trust the rich and abundant life of your realm. As we offer our gifts, we offer ourselves to you. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Closing Prayer

L: God can come to us with a shout,
but he comes to us most often in a whisper.

C: May we listen for you, Lord, in the quiet moments of our lives.

When the world is silent before we drift off to sleep,
May we be ready to share a quiet moment with you.

As we awake to the dawn of a new day,
May we be ready to share a quiet moment with you.

In our worship today, as we confess our sins to you,
May we be ready to share a quiet moment with you.

In our devotions at home and at church,
May we be ready to share a quiet moment with you.

As you take the time to be with us,
May we always be sure to take the time to be with you. Amen.

Sending Song

How Can I Keep from Singing – NYC virtual choir and orchestra

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/How-Can-I-Keep-from-Singing-NYC-Virtual-Choir-and-Orchestra-137140.mp4>

Dismissal

L: Jesus immediately reaches for us as we face our fears.

C: **Help us hold tight and in faith, face the world with the Good News!**

