

Sunday, August 13, 2023
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Our Savior Lutheran Church



Thought: Life is full of storms. When we focus on our immediate situation, we can falter and fall. Trust in God, however, can calm the stormiest of seas. Reach out in the name of Jesus to receive help and to give help.

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

P: Reach to each other with the hand of Jesus. Peace be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

A: 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.**

A: 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! (based on Psalm 29:3-4, 10-11)

Gathering Hymn – “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” ELW #763

<https://youtu.be/vpmeW-c51W0>

by Beyond the Walls Choir

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of the universe, God of all things great and small, who guides your creatures in their great migrations, tends to the cicadas who dwell beneath the earth for many long years, who shepherds the stars and galaxies in the heavens, and delights in the wildly spinning and swirling subatomic particles beyond our imagining. We confess that our faith is not constant.

A time for silence and reflection.

P: Faltering faith...

C: That we doubt, that in the storms of life we falter, though we say we trust in you. Hear our hope, even in our doubting that you will answer. Command us, in the storm, to come to you. Hear our cry, as we sink: Jesus, save us!

P: Truly you are the one foretold by the prophets: Emmanuel, God among us! Save us! Redeem us! Make us whole. Hear the words of the one who saves: Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.

C: Thanks be to God and Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise – “Day by Day” ELW #790

<https://youtu.be/SIGvKhfkSbo>

by S. Becker Hymns

Prayer of the Day

A: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.

C: 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.

The Word

Old Testament reading – 1 Kings 19:9-18

What are you doing here Elijah?

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?”

¹⁴He 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." ¹⁵Then 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. ¹⁶Also 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. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet 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 84:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying

⁸I will listen to what the LORD^l God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to ^l those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up ^l from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven**

¹²The LORD will indeed ^l grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Epistle reading – Romans 10:5-15

No one who believes in him will be put to shame

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But 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). ⁸But 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); 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!”

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

Holy Gospel – Matthew 14:22-33

<https://youtu.be/eMkve17zV8M>

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/wGkz2Z-cRv8>

Message – "Lord, if it is you"

<https://youtu.be/4mZ3m09jLDk>

Hymn of the Day – "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me"

ELW #755

https://youtu.be/j_3l0v7prkM

by Brigham Young

Apostles' Creed

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.

the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists,

nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service (*especially nursing pioneers Florence Nightingale and Clara Maass, whom the church remembers today*) as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Offering

Offertory Music – “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” ELW #767

Offertory Prayer

A: You come to us, O God

C: as you came to Elijah at Horeb, as you came to the disciples on the sea.

A: You come to us, O God, I love.

C: We come to you. Accept these gifts of thanks and praise.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

Consecration

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.

Distribution

Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, your Father's presence is made known to us each day in the giving of our daily bread.

C: Today we experience your presence in the breaking of this bread.

A: Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Christ.

C: Then we will know that you are here. Then we will be your presence in this world.

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ELW #632 Vss. 1-3 and 6

<https://youtu.be/pVbSxxAiMuU>

By Gawler Uniting Church

Dismissal

A: Jesus says: "It is I," come, to share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

