St. Paul's Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

As you arrive, please sanitize your hands and take a communion packet from the table. There are 2 tabs: the clear one on top opens the container with the bread and the second one opens the container with the wine. When instructed, we will open the cups and receive the bread and wine.

PRELUDE

"Courante" from *French Suite No. 4 (BWV 815)*—J.S. Bach

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen.

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Reconciling God,

C we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C 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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Amy Baumgardner**

Today's other readings are:

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. *(Ps. 85:8)*

Romans 10:5-15

Hearing and confessing the word of faith

READING **1 Kings 19:9-18**

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

9 At [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?" 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."

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***INSTRUMENTAL GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***GOSPEL** **Matthew 14:22-33**

P The Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

[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.[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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Andrea Walker**

***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. 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 INTERCESSION**

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.

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 wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

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 (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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,
hear our prayer.

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

OFFERING
(Please remember to send your offering via mail, online giving or by text. Our Text2Give number is 844-262-6943)

OFFERTORY MUSIC
Precious Lord, take my hand

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**
A Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C Amen.

*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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P We thank you Creator God, that you made us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, our love failing, and our bodies diseased, you reached out to us again and again, providing healing, wholeness and new life.

When the flood came, you provided an ark. When the plagues came, you provided safety. When evening came, you provided a pillar of fire. When exile came, you provided a new song. Day after day your love remains steadfast. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Let us pray together the prayer Our Savior taught us:

C Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

At this time, please open the first tab to receive the bread.

P This is the body of Christ given for you.

At this time, please open the second tab to receive the wine.

P This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Day after day you are with us: in two or three gathered in your name, in connection across this social distancing and in bread and wine. As we go from this gathering around your table, may we feel restored to you and sustained by the power of your Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the God of all Grace + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God of grace and God of glory—arr. Paul Manz

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Today, we pray for those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially; The Sadalah family upon the death of Mustafa, Barb Pitts, Karen Ward, Carolyn Boston, John LeSane, Levi, Julie Hamlin, Greg McAllister, Charlie Albert, the Carr family, Will Hovis, Pearl Apisson, Gillian Flory, Russell and Stephanie Thomas, Joan Tolbert, Stefanie Skurcenski, Barbara Hostage, Sue Ericsson, Russell Stevens, Glenn Ralph, Betty Mastrobattista, Richard, Carolyn Denison, Lois Leland, Bill Jackson, Grace Yin, Ralph Benson, Susan Russo, the Rademacher family, Matthew, Tony, Kingsley, Daniel, Eliza & Nicholas, Neal, the Williamson family, and all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.