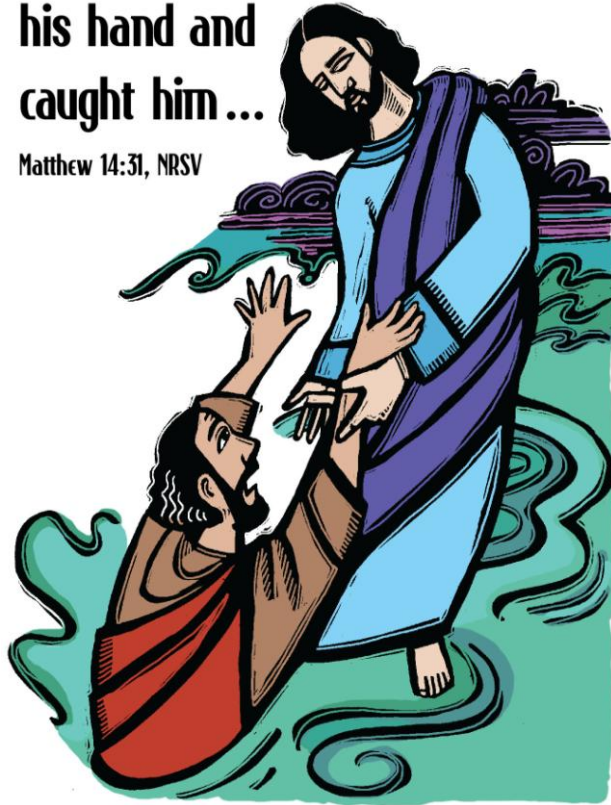


August 9, 2020 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Jesus immediately reached out
his hand and
caught him ...**

Matthew 14:31, NRSV



Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Our Mission:
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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AS WE GATHER

Job suffered losses that few of us could endure: his livelihood, his family, and his own health. At Jesus' invitation, Peter exited the boat and began to walk to Jesus, until he started sinking. Both Job and Peter call to mind the words from a hymn, "When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down." We all have those "sinking down" times in our lives. This is why today's Gospel is so uplifting. When Peter was sinking down, "Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him" (Matthew 14:31). In Holy Baptism, Jesus reaches out His hand and takes hold of us. The hymnwriter also pens, "Christ laid aside His crown for my soul." There is no moment of sinking down where God in Christ Jesus does not reach out His hand and take hold of us. We gather in worship, then, as those who at times are sinking down, of whom Jesus has taken hold. Therefore, "to God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!"

PRESERVICE MUSIC (Drive-In Service Only)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Drive-In Service Only)

"Indescribable"

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From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creations revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming;

REFRAIN:

**Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name.
You are amazing God.
All powerful, untamable.
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.**

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom. **(Refrain)**

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 24:1.4-8

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.**

Pastor: The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**All: O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our gracious God has promised to hear us for Jesus' sake when we call out for pardon and peace. Let us go to Him, confessing our sins.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our fallen condition.)

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we admit that we have often put our own wills ahead of Yours. In our pride we have demanded reasons from You for what has gone wrong in our lives. We have not called out to You in all humility, but have relied on our own righteousness instead of asking You for mercy and grace. We have let the turmoil of the world around us distract us from keeping our lives focused on Your Word and the salvation it proclaims. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, move us to paths in which we may serve You and proclaim Your saving Word to those who do not know Your loving promises.

Pastor: Although God's Law condemns us in our fallen condition, with all our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, He has promised that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, Your Son reaches out His hand and takes hold of us when our weak faith threatens to pull us down to the depths of despair. Move us to reach out graceful hands to our neighbors when they near despair, so that we may reflect Christ's love and Your name may be glorified in all creation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Job 38:4–18*

“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

⁶ On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—

⁷ while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels shouted for joy?

⁸ “Who shut up the sea behind doors
when it burst forth from the womb,

⁹ when I made the clouds its garment
and wrapped it in thick darkness,

¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it
and set its doors and bars in place,

¹¹ when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther;
here is where your proud waves halt’?

¹² “Have you ever given orders to the morning,
or shown the dawn its place,

¹³ that it might take the earth by the edges
and shake the wicked out of it?

¹⁴ The earth takes shape like clay under a seal;
its features stand out like those of a garment.

¹⁵ The wicked are denied their light,
and their upraised arm is broken.

¹⁶ “Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷ Have the gates of death been shown to you?
Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness?

¹⁸ Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth?
Tell me, if you know all this.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 14:22–33*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Cornerstone”

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT VERSE)

CHORUS:

**Christ alone Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

CHORUS:

**Christ alone Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all**

(Repeat Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

(Chorus)

SERMON: (Thurs./Video) **"When You Feel Like You're Drowning in Life, Don't Worry - Your Lifeguard Walks on Water"** *Matt 14: 22-33*

(Sunday Drive-In) *Seminarian Joshua Makey*

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Trusting in Your promise that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord.

Pastor: You send out laborers into the world to proclaim the reign of Jesus. We pray for missionaries and all who preach the Gospel, that Your Word proclaimed by them will not return empty. For the Church, including Trinity Lutheran, we ask that You use us to declare Your reign. We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You bless us with peace like a life-giving river. We pray for all people around the world, that those who work for peace and justice may be strengthened and those who cause turmoil and injustice may repent. We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You comfort those whose lives are broken. We pray for all who suffer from disease, turmoil in relationships, the unemployed and under employed, and those facing hardships and death. Amid their fear, we trust in Your hand of mercy outstretched to them, as it was to Peter, that according to Your will, they may experience wholeness, comfort, and peace. We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You restore sinners gently. For all of us during situations where confession and forgiveness are the only way forward, help us willingly and humbly confess our sins and forgive as we have been forgiven. We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions) We pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give thanks for the privilege to carry everything to You in prayer. Jesus told us to ask, seek, and knock to call on the name of the Lord. We do this today, trusting that You hear our prayer and will answer according to Your will in the name of Jesus.

People: Amen.

PREFACE (Drive-In Service Only)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Drive-In Service Only)

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord eternal. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose power was shown in love and whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of salvation. With thankfulness, we receive the blessings He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your people who now join at Your holy Table. Bless and nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your Holy Church forever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (Drive-In Service Only)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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 HYMNS (Drive-In Service Only)



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The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes,
God will provide the Lamb of price!

CHORUS:
Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **(Chorus)**

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the law to fill. **(Chorus)**

He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. **(Chorus)**

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song, prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **(Chorus)**



“Our God”

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Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

CHORUS:
Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

CHORUS:

**Our God is greater
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Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God**

(Bridge)

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

[Repeat Chorus & Bridge]

(Repeat Chorus 2x)

THANKSGIVING (Drive-In Service Only)

Pastor: Almighty God, creator and sustainer of all that exists, in this feast of Your Son, You have again reached out to us in the midst of the storms of our lives to bring peace, calm, and wholeness. Your hold upon us is strong, and You will never let us go. Guide our paths as we depart from Your table, that we may walk in faith, not fearing those things that cannot do us eternal harm; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no man evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, and love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus”

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I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.



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Keyboard (Drive-In) ... Trevor Jelowski

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