

# + Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in sheer silence.

When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear.

Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears.

In comforting words of scripture, God grants us peace and sends us forth

to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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#### **Gathering Hymn**

## **Open Your Ears, You Faithful People**

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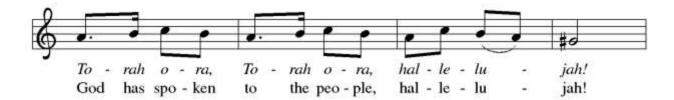
- 1 O pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;

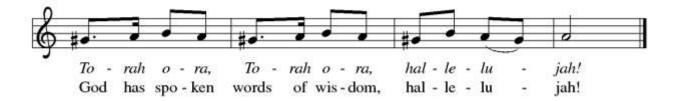


O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you. they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.









Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune
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## 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: Let us pray.

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

#### **Reading – 1 Kings 19: 9-18**

<sup>9</sup>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?"

<sup>10</sup>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."

<sup>11</sup>[The Lord] 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; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>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?" <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael. Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>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."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 85: 8-13

The psalm will be sung by a cantor.

People of the assembly are invited to respond with the verses in bold.

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD| God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell | in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together; righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

## **Second Reading – Romans 10: 5-15**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>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) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>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); <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>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? <sup>15</sup>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!"

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

P: Alleluia. I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. Alleluia.

## **Gospel – Matthew 14: 22-33**

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

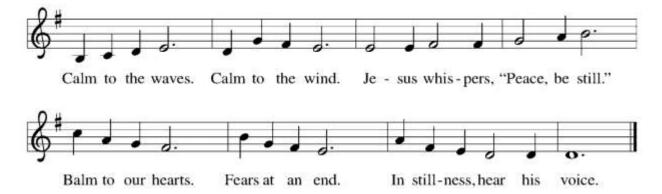
#### Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

#### Calm to the Waves

**ELW 794** 

The hymn will be sung through three times.



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CALM SEAS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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## **Prayers of the People**

A: Called together through Baptism and the Word, we pray for the church, the world, and for all who long to hear God's still, small voice.

After each petition
A: God of mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

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

#### Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

#### **Benediction**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus Christ, our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.



Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

**C:** Congregation

**Presiding Minister** 

Minister of Music/Cantor

Director of Faith Formation

#### ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Those serving in worship today

Welcome Joyce Compton and Kelly

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Assisting Minister Jimmi Kocher-Hill

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Amy Bartoli

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