

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

147 West Forest Street
Clyde, Ohio

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2020

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING ONE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE”

(ELW 774)

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (**Refrain**)
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (**Refrain**)

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: JOB 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 18:1-17

¹I love you, O Lord my strength,
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.
²**My God, my rock in whom I put my trust,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge:
You are worthy of praise.**
³I will call upon the Lord,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.
⁴**The breakers of death rolled over me,
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.**

- ⁵The cords of hell entangled me,
and the snares of death were set for me.
- ⁶**I called upon the Lord in my distress
and cried out to my God for help.**
- ⁷He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling;
my cry of anguish came to his ears.
- ⁸**The earth reeled and rocked;
the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because
of his anger.**
- ⁹Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his
mouth;
hot burning coals blazed forth from him.
- ¹⁰**He parted the heavens and came down
with a storm cloud under his feet.**
- ¹¹He mounted on cherubim and flew;
he swooped on the wings of the wind.
- ¹²**He wrapped darkness about him;
he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.**
- ¹³From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds,
burst hailstones and coals of fire.
- ¹⁴**The Lord thundered out of heaven;
the Most High uttered his voice.**
- ¹⁵He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.
- ¹⁶**The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations
of the world laid bare,
at your battle cry, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of
your nostrils.**
- ¹⁷He reached down from on high and grasped me;
he drew me out of great waters.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on 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, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take

heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”²⁸ And 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 and walked on the water and came to Jesus.³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”³² And 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.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SONG

“HERE I AM, LORD”

(ELW 574)

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" **(Refrain)**

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" **(Refrain)**

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SERMON

"PREACHING, AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE?"

Roman 10:5-7

Pastor Kurt E. Luebke

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US”

(ELW 707)

Verse 1

Lord of glory you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand

Verse 2

Grant us hearts dear Lord
To give gladly freely of Your own
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures
Warmed by You at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive

Verse 3

Wondrous honor you have given
To our humblest charity in your own
Mysterious sentence, “you have done it
all to me: Naked, sick, in prison
hungry in the lease, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy
give as I have giv’n to you

Verse 4

Lord of glory You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice
Give us faith to trust You boldly
Hope to stay our souls on You
But oh best of all Your graces
With Your love our love renew

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**