

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
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8:00 am



Jesus Walks on Water

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

Upon the chaos dark and rude—these words come from the hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save.” They refer both to the “formless void” preceding creation and to the frightening power of a storm at sea. We may at times feel like our lives are lived amid chaos dark and rude: random violence, destructive storms, and dozens of daily demands pulling us in multiple directions. Today’s Readings give us God’s assuring word of promise amid the chaos dark and rude. Following the chaos of the great flood, God establishes His covenant with Noah and all creation never again to destroy the earth and all flesh with a flood, but to give life. The Epistle teaches us that since Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, we are rooted and ground in His love amid the chaos dark and rude. And in the Gospel, Jesus treads the chaos dark and rude under His feet: walking on the water signaled that Jesus has the ultimate power over all the chaos that threatens to overwhelm us. So today, amid the chaos dark and rude, Jesus, who got in the boat with the disciples and caused the wind to cease, is with us through His Word and in Holy Communion calming our fears and guiding us through it all.

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word we are gathered all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You,

By Your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love
You solely.

- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness
shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth
unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within
us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God
proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit's
pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our
prayers and praises.
- 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, confident of our
salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises
yonder.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pastor: Beloved of God, let us confess together that we are
by nature sinful and unclean and that daily we have
sinned against our gracious God and deserve His
punishment now and eternally. We have sought our
own ways and have not always kept the Sabbath in

ways that honor Him. We have transgressed His Law in our thoughts, words and deeds.

People: **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and seek Your mercy. Be gracious to us, and for the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we find the joy of absolution and with renewed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor: God is gracious and forgiving. He has shown His merciful power in ways that renew, restore, and heal. To those who come to Him with repentant and contrite hearts, our Lord says, “Fear not!” and promises pardon, life, and salvation. 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: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

INTROIT: Psalm 136:1-9 antiphon: v. 26

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: to him who alone does great wonders,

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: who by his understanding made the heavens,

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: who spread out the earth upon the waters,

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: who made the great lights—

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: the sun to govern the day,

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: the moon and stars to govern the night;

People: His love endures forever

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven

People: His love endures forever.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People (sung): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People (sung): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People (sung): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People (sung): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People (sung): Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down on us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us the things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us the good things we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children's Bible Reading: Page 296

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." So, God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE

People (Sing): Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:45-56

People (Sing): Glory to You, O Lord.

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened. When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to

wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Reader: This Is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: LSB 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

- ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

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THE SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING HYMN: LSB 744 Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
 That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
 Was blind but now I see!

- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
 His grace will lead me home.

- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
 And mortal life shall cease,

Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;

Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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SEND OFF

Pastor: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,
strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!