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## ***August 9, 2020 ~ Pentecost 10***

*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of 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 and in the refreshing bread and cup of the Eucharist, God grants us peace and send us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

### ***Service of the Word Online Worship***

#### ***The Gathering***

Prelude

*Chris Lehne*

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & 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... 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.**

\*The Apostolic 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.**

## The Gathering Song

## *“Oceans”*

**You call me out upon the waters The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery In oceans deep My faith will stand And...**

(Chorus)

**I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters Your sovereign hand Will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now So...**

(Chorus)

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger In the presence of my Savior (repeat 3 times)**

(Chorus)

## The Prayer of the Day

**P: Let us pray, C: 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. Amen.**

## *The Word*

### The First Reading

*1 Kings 19:9-18*

At that place he 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> 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; <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.”

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### The Second Reading

*Psalms 85:8-13*

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. <sup>12</sup> The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
 lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 14:22-33*P: The holy gospel according to Matthew **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, 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."

Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Message

*"Walking On and Over Fears"**But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27*

## Song of the Day

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
 who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
 oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
 who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
 oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
 and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
 oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
 from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
 thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

## The Apostles' Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

*After each petition, please respond with... L: Hear us, O God,  
Cong: Save us we pray.*

### *The Offering*

#### \*The Offertory Song

#### *"My Lighthouse"*

**In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**In the silence, You won't let go In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**(CHORUS) My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse**

**I will trust the promise You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore**

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**(CHORUS)**

**Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms (x4)  
(CHORUS)**

#### \*The Thanksgiving for the Word

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

#### \*The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**C: 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.**

## *The Sending*

The Blessing

\*Sending Song

*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

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Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone, At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

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## Announcements

Please check all scheduled events weekly at Grace Lutheran and Providence Valley Churches as we are making decisions about meetings and gatherings each week. Please stay safe and healthy!

*The Radio Broadcast* is sponsored by the Memorial Fund. Thank you to those who have given in memory of loved ones.

**Join us in celebrating** our newest member in the body of Christ. Thomas Jeffrey Holden, son of Mike & Janiel Holden, was baptized during a private service on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Tommy's sponsors are Nathan & Jesi Martinson. Please keep Thomas and his family in your prayers as we celebrate God's gift of grace in Holy Baptism for him.

**Please watch for a fall worship survey** coming out online and in our next newsletter. This will help us in planning Sunday School and Worship times.

**Children in Preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> grade** are invited to join us for Outdoor Vacation Bible School starting tomorrow, August 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> each night from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Please contact the church office to register.

**Announcing the continuation of in-person worship at Grace.** The elected leadership at Grace has made the decision to begin in-person, Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary at 9AM. Beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>, the following in person schedule will take place.  
**August 9<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Worship at both Providence and Grace**

**August 16<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Grace – Intern Pastor JoHanna Farewell reception in courtyard following worship**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Providence**

**August 30<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Grace**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Providence**

**August and September Sunday morning schedule will follow Safe gathering practices with facemask and social distancing required at all services.** We will continue to offer our online worship services posted on our facebook and Youtube pages for members and friends who wish to continue the worship at home practices. **Anyone in need of a pastoral or communion visit** can contact the church office at 320-769-4394 or 320-841-2206. The pastors or staff would be happy to make a home visit with you utilizing safe gathering practices.

### **Other Worship Opportunities**

Worship will continue to be broadcast over the radio at **our summer worship time at 9:00am on Sundays.** Video of each worship will be available on both the Grace and Providence websites, Grace's YouTube Channel and Wednesday afternoons on Channel 8. Bulletins will be available for download on the websites and for pick up in the main entry of the church.

**Joint Worship** services will be held alternating between Providence and Grace at 9:00am. Please be mindful of the worship schedule.

**Circle groups, bible studies, and board meetings** can resume as desired by the group while staying within the recommended guidelines. For a copy of the guidelines please contact the church office. Please notify staff of any gatherings within the church building so we can prepare adequately. Thank you all for your input with these decisions and your understanding as our leadership begins to move forward during this time.

### **Tithes & Offerings**

Grace and Providence Valley Lutheran Churches have options to give online! On our websites, [gracedawson.org](http://gracedawson.org) or [pvlchruch.org](http://pvlchruch.org), simply click on the "Give Online" tab at the top of the homepage. Or even easier, download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" in your App Store and set up your account! And Grace Lutheran now has **TEXT OFFERING!** Simply text your offering amount to 800-675-7430!

Your offerings can also be mailed to:

Grace Lutheran Church – PO Box 549 - Dawson, Mn 56232 or

Providence Valley Lutheran Church - C/O 2722 100th Street - Dawson, MN 56232

**Thank you for your continued support over the past several months, both financially and spiritually.**

### **In our prayers**

Butch Anderson, Jim Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Olivia Baldwin, Tom Beals, Todd & Arlys Buer, Gloria Burg, Ken Club, Jack Flayton, Carol Fleharty, Wilton & Madeline Gustafson, Monica Kennedy, Sharla Kruger, John Lund, Evelyn Lundgren, Brad Madsen, Julie Miron, Jeff Moe, Jeanne Peterson, Kristi Peterson-Tomas, Pat Saltness, Mike Stangeland, Lauren Thoen, Joanne Trader, Larry Trader, Donna Weidenback, Bonnie Westfield, & David Tollekson. The Family of MaryAnn Heinrich & the Family of Joe Bolstad.