

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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Introduction

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

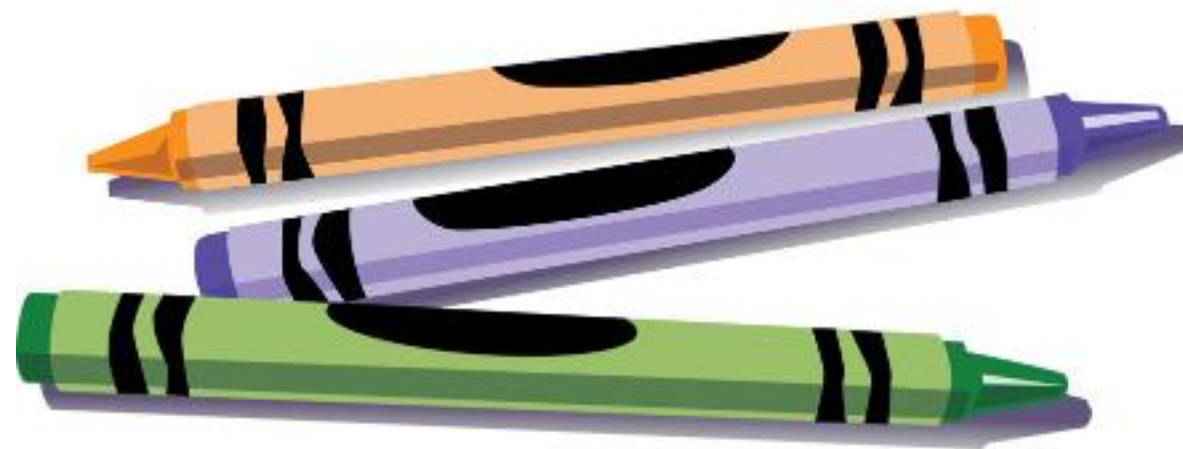
When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

Prelude

Katherine Frantsen

WELCOME TO
WORSHIP

Children's Message



You May Stand or Sit

Congregational responses are in bold

Confession and Forgiveness

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In the name of the Father, and 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 one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned
from you and given ourselves
into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly
repent. In your compassion
forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,**

**things we have done and
things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold
us by your Spirit, so that we may
live and serve you in newness
of life through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Precious Lord Take My Hand

#773 (ELW)

**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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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Kyrie

(ELW setting 10 words)

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.**

**We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ,
and wash away our sin.**

**Pour out your grace and make us
whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord;
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!**

Tune: #717 (ELW)

**In my life, Lord, be glorified,
be glorified;
in my life, Lord,
be glorified today.**

**In our song, Lord, be glorified,
be glorified;
in our song, Lord,
be glorified today.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified,
be glorified;
in your church, Lord,
be glorified today.**

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Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**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.**

You may sit
First Reading:

1Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [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?"
¹⁰He 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.” ¹¹He 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, ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not

in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When 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?" ¹⁴He 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.” ¹⁵Then 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. ¹⁶Also 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.

¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I 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.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before
the Lord and shall prepare for
God a pathway.**

Second Reading:

Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from 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 one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

¹¹The scripture says, "No one who Believes in him will be put to shame."

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴But 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? ¹⁵And 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!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

You may stand
Alleluia

#6 (W&P v1,2)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**He's my Savior, alleluia,
he's my Savior, alleluia;
he's my Savior, alleluia,
he's my Savior, alleluia.**

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Gospel:

The Gospel according to
Matthew, the fourteenth chapter,
beginning at the twenty-second verse.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.

²³and after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come."

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind,
he became frightened, and, beginning
to sink, he cried out,
“Lord, save me!”

³¹Jesus immediately reached out his
hand and caught him, saying to him,
“You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Viv Vega

You may sit



My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#597 (ELW) v.1,2,3

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and
righteousness; no merit
of my own I claim, but wholly lean
on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports
are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

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The Apostles' Creed

(ELW p105)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 the People

With bold trust in God's
unfailing provision,
we pray for the church,
those in need,
and all of God's creation.

O Lord, answer the needs of loved ones
and friends as we call out their names,
either within our hearts or aloud.

Betty Brown, the Buck family on the
passing of Marge, Liz Craney, Eti Glodney,
Jim Grosswiler, Eleanor Kruggel, Thelma
Miller, Gary R., the Spengler family on the
passing of Katie Earle, Carol Stanley,
Steve Stelter, John Wood, Tony Zuniga
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the servants
of your gospel in every place,
that your word may be heard.
Where your voice is scorned and
your people persecuted,
strengthen the church
in its faithful witness.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created,
that all life may flourish.

Preserve biodiversity in all its variety
and help ecosystems to survive
the extremes of a changing climate.
Move our hearts with compassion
to join in this work.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states,
nations, and organizations, and
all who are in positions of authority,
that they lead with justice and
integrity. Teach us to respond
with Christlike mercy to all
who are afraid or in danger.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid
the storms of life,
that they find peace and hope
in your loving presence.
Comfort any who are lonely
and grieving and all who suffer.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and
its ministries, that they reflect
your love and life
amid a turbulent world.

Guide council members, elders, and
other church leaders
with your still, calm voice.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful
who have gone before us.
Guide us in our earthly journey,
that we may one day join them
in your eternal kingdom.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer,
O God, as you have promised.
All this we ask in the
name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*The peace of Christ
be with you always,
And also with you.*

Sharing the Peace:
The peace of the Lord be with you,
And also with you.

You may be seated

Offering for the mission
of the church,
including the care
of those in need.

*You may stand
Shout to the Lord*

#821 (ELW)

**My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;**

**let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
let us sing power and majesty,
praise to the King.**

**Mountains bow down and
the seas will roar at the
sound of your name.**

**I sing for joy at the
work of your hands;
forever I'll love you,
forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to
the promise I have in you.**

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Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table
the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely
of your love, so that all creation
can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us
now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and
in all places give thanks and praise
to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse
their hearts and prepare
with joy for the paschal feast,

That renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness
of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Mark Anzelon)

**Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord most high.**

**You alone are holy,
You alone are worthy,
Merciful and mighty,
Holy, holy, Lord.**

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In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body,
given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant
in my blood, shed for you and
for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

*You may be seated
Red Wine and White Grape Juice are offered
Gluten-free is available*

O Lamb of God

(Mark Anzelon)

**O Lamb of God, you bear
the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives
to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear
the sin of all the world away;
you set us free
from guilt and grave:**

**have mercy now, we pray.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear
the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

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You may stand or sit

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, through the gifts
of bread and wine our hearts are
filled with the abundance of your love.

Strengthen us that we,
through this holy meal,
may share your love freely,
as you have shared with us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us
now and forever.

Amen.

You may sit

Announcements

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt

Communion Server: Renee Brandt

Fellowship: Lori Moody

Lector: Ellen Harrington

TMT: Greg Hiscott

Usher/Greeter: David Haxton



Tess Gropper – Aug. 9

Sarah Legerton – Aug. 15

Jane McMahon - 15

Mary & Roger Schulke – Aug. 9



Save The Dates!

Sun., Aug 16 – 12pm	Youth Pool Party
Mon., Aug 17 – 1pm	LCIF Book Club
Mon., Aug 17 – 4pm	Finance Team
Tues., Aug 18 – 5pm	Operations Team
Tues., Aug 18 – 7pm	LCIF Council
Mon., Aug 25 – 1pm	Women Gather

**Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts,
Lord, at the end of the day**

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Blessing and Dismissal

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

Heaven has come near.
Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Katherine Frantsen