



**Emmanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**9 am Sunday Worship, August 9, 2020**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

Worship Livestream at [www.facebook.com/elcvienna](http://www.facebook.com/elcvienna)





## 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.

## Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

### Welcome

### A Prayer for Healing

Pastor: In this time of pandemic and racial tensions, let us pray...

*A moment of silence for reflection.*

Pastor: From a world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus disease: from fevers and difficulty breathing, from sickness and dying, from fear and worry, from stress and weariness, from isolation and loneliness, from uncertainty and loss

**All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: From the sin of racism and injustice: from white supremacy and racist rhetoric, from personal and systemic racism, from white privilege and race bias, from police brutality and political provocateurs, from violence and riots, from destruction and death

**All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We are all ages and all colors, all genders and all creeds. We are all your children. For our families and friends, all communities and all nations, for all our neighbors, we pray

**All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we believe in your healing and forgiveness. We believe in your love and new life. And so, in faith and hope, in Jesus' name we pray

**All: heal us, O Lord. Amen.**



## Special Music

Voice Of Truth (Text For Reflection)

Verse 1

Oh what I would do to have  
The kind of faith it takes  
To climb out of this boat I'm in  
Onto the crashing waves  
To step out of my comfort zone  
Into the realm of the unknown  
Where Jesus is  
And He's holding out His hand

Pre-Chorus

But the waves are calling out my name  
And they laugh at me  
Reminding me of all the times  
I've tried before and failed  
The waves they keep on telling me  
Time and time again  
Boy you'll never win you'll never win

Chorus

But the voice of truth tells me a different story  
The voice of truth says do not be afraid  
And the voice of truth says this is for My glory  
Out of all the voices calling out to me  
I will choose to listen  
And believe the voice of truth

Verse 2

Oh what I would do  
To have the kind of strength  
It takes to stand before a giant  
With just a sling and a stone



Surrounded by the sound  
Of a thousand warriors  
Shaking in their armor  
Wishing they'd have  
Had the strength to stand

#### Pre-Chorus

But the giant's calling out my name  
And he laughs at me  
Reminding me of all the times  
I've tried before and failed  
The giant keeps on telling me  
Time and time again  
Boy you'll never win you'll never win

#### Bridge

But the stone was just the right size  
To put the giant on the ground  
And the waves they don't seem so high  
From on top of them looking down  
I will soar with the wings of eagles  
When I stop and listen to the sound  
Of Jesus singing over me

#### Interlude

I will listen and believe  
I will listen and believe the voice of truth  
I will listen and believe  
'Cause Jesus You are the voice of truth  
And I will listen to You You are



## Invocation

Pastor: We are gathered to worship in the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

## Opening Song

### How Great Is Our God

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Words and Music by  
Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves  
and Ed Cash

$\text{♩} = 76$  VERSE

B G#m7

1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;  
(2. And) age to age - He stands, and time is in His hands;

4 E2

- Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps -  
- Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7 B G#m7

- Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide, -  
- head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, -

10 E2

- and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great -  
- the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb, -

13 CHORUS B G#m7

- is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!.



How Great Is Our God - 2

16 Emaj<sup>7</sup> F<sup>#</sup> B<sup>2</sup> Fine

— And all — will see how great, how great — is our God! —

20 BRIDGE B

1. 2.

2. And Name a - bove — all names, —

24 G<sup>#</sup>m<sup>7</sup> Emaj<sup>7</sup>

wor - thy of — all praise. — My heart will sing: — How great .

27 F<sup>#</sup> B

— is our God! —

30 F<sup>#</sup> B D.S. al Fine

— is our God! — How great



## **Confession & Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God,

**All: 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.**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer**

### **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer.*



*Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

Reader: <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>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.”

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13**

*I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*

Reader: <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.

**All: <sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

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

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

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

**All: <sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

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

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

Reader: <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!”

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Children’s Message

### Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

*Matthew’s gospel typically portrays Jesus’ disciples as people of “little faith,” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Pastor:<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.”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**



## A Word

“Do Not Be Afraid” based upon Matthew 14:22-33 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

**Hymn of the Day** Eternal Father, Strong To Save ELW #756

### Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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



## **Apostles' Creed**

Leader: We proclaim our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: 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 Intercession**

Leader: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Bless our call process for a pastor for evangelism and mission. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**



Leader: For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day (*especially...*).

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our healers. Bless the life-giving efforts of all medical professionals during this coronavirus pandemic. Protect them and give them wisdom, strength, and endurance. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself (*especially...*). Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**



## Offering

*Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at [www.elcvienna.org/give](http://www.elcvienna.org/give) or mailed into the church. Thank you for your generosity!*

## Offertory

Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford, SJ

## Peace

Pastor: Family of God in Christ, the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

**All: And also with you.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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.**

**Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World**

## Announcements



## **Blessing**

Pastor: 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 the Christ, and the Holy Spirit the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**All: Amen.**

## **Hymn**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815



### I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## **Sending**

Pastor: Go in peace and share the good news!

**All: We will--tThanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

Prelude and Fugue in F

Vincent Lübeck

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God bless you!