

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020
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9:30 am

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

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING HYMN

Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock



- 1 Praise, praise! You are my rock. The wind, the waves are high. You hold me
- 2 Praise, praise! You are my rock. My des - ert sand is dry. You break the
- 3 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You calm the fear and pain. One word of
- 4 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You host the ta - ble set. We break the



when the waves are strong. You hold me lest I die, I die.
rock, a riv - er flows. You hear me when I cry, I cry.
faith and I am well, I rise to praise and walk a - gain.
bread, we drink the cup; we know whom we have met, have met.



Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

- 5 Praise, praise! You are my rock.
The Easter grave is sealed;
you roll the stone—you, God, alone—
then sin and death are healed, are healed.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.
- 6 Praise, praise! You are my rock.
You stood high on a hill.
A holy cloud: you are on high.
Be still, my heart, be still, be still.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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 Child, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ Word +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING

Romans 10:5-15

A reading from Romans.

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,

on your lips and in your heart”(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim; ⁹because 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. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 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!”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Dearest Jesus, at your word, we have come again to hear you.

Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred, and in growing faith be near you.

As the promises here given, draw us ever t'ward your heaven.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

+ **Meal** +

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The offertory time is an opportunity to receive the gift of music and to reflect on how we might practice gratitude and generosity toward one another. With gratitude, we find solace during this time by seeing goodness in the face of despair, hope in the midst of anxiety, and joy in the midst of fear. One aspect of practicing gratitude and generosity is stewarding the financial resources in our care. If you would like to make a gift to the ministry of the church, you may visit stjohnswilmette.org/give to donate online. You may also write a check made out to St. John's Lutheran Church and mail it to 1235 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. St. John's is deeply grateful for the generosity of our members and supporters, which allows us to be generous to others through our ministry.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father/Mother/Parent 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.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

+ Sending +

CHARGE

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING

In the name of Creator, † the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| † Cam Wise, for physical and emotional health. | † Lani Miller |
| † Ken Kastman, healing from broken ribs after a fall. | † Doug Peters, managing cancer and recovering from surgery |
| † Janet Rassenfoss and Alan Swanson, on the birth of their first grandchild, Molly Francis Wilka, on 7/6/20. | † The family and friends of Jean Olan, cousin of Bill Kaspar, who died 6/11/20 |
| † The family and friends of Bob Anderson who died 6/8/20 | † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain. |
| † The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20 | † Greyson Nester |
| † Pastor Mike Flowered and family as they mourn the death of Mike's mother, who died on June 12 | † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland |
| † Chad Johnson, recovering from a bike accident on 5/30/20 | † Marty Anderson |
| † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker | † Linda Basnik, wife of Chad Johnson, in need of healing |
| † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing | † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis |
| † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing | † Ross Johnson, brother of Chad Johnson |
| † Doris Regan, mother of Jan Wendel & Sharon Regan, recovering from cancer surgery | † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh |
| † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis | † Sydney Johnson, her work |
| † Michael Rager, brother of Christi Wise, in need of healing | † Mark Voosen |
| † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm | † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus |
| † Bob Oakes, recovering from hospitalization | † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink |
| | † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel |
| | † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family |
| | † Fred Rudolphi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing |
| | † Steve Aschbacher, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing |
| | † the officers of the Rogers Park police district |

SERVING TODAY

<i>Preaching & Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Allison Bengfort
<i>Music Director & Pianist</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Cantor:</i>	Hannah McConnell
<i>Minister of the Word:</i>	Stephanie Abudayeh
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Luke Rasmussen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poor People's Campaign Local Cluster Meeting

The next meeting of the North Cook/Lake County Cluster will be Monday, August 10th at 7:00-8:15 pm. The purpose of the call is to connect with others in our local area who are committed ending injustice in our community, to ground us in the fundamental principles of the Poor People's Campaign, and to begin a conversation on the Jubilee Platform. Join the call by registering [here](#), either in advance or at the start of the meeting on Monday.

Outdoor Saturday Service

On Saturday, August 15th at 5:00 pm, we will have our first socially-distanced, outdoor worship service. The service will take place in the grass on the Park Avenue side of the church building, and attendees are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on as well as their own communion elements. Masks must be worn at all times, with the exception of partaking in communion. Upon arrival, all attendees will be required to participate in a pre-screening process, which will involve a touch-free temperature check, a verbal screening for symptoms, and collection of information for contact tracing purposes. Those who would like to participate in the service virtually may do so over the phone. Please email pastorallison@stjohnswilmette.com if you are interested in this option.

Beach Cleanup

Go Green Wilmette is sponsoring another beach cleanup at Gillson Beach on Saturday, August 22nd at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Look for their table at the south end of the park to check in. Bring a mask, reusable gloves (not single-use plastic gloves), and a bucket or container to collect micro-plastic pieces that wash up during every storm. Don't forget to take pictures and send them to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com!

A **Coloring Sheet** (for adults and children) and a **Children's Bulletin** have been emailed to you. Feel free to color during the service or throughout the week. Please take a picture of your work and email it to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com to be included in next week's "Art Gallery."

Anti-Racism Resources

Mylene Pollock's company, SmallGood, has created a list of anti-racism resources including books, podcasts, films, articles, and groups to follow on social media. "From light content to more thorough, there something for everyone, including kids," Mylene says. Check it out [here](#).

Face Mask Challenge

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Click [here](#) for more info.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:30 AM

Online Worship with Children's Message

MONDAY

7:00-8:15 PM

Poor People's Campaign Local Cluster Meeting Online

TUESDAY

7:00-8:30 PM

Council Meeting Online

THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM

Men's Group Online

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

Candlelight Service Outside

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