

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Four pg. 203 in the hymnal

WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

*“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”*

#715

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

*“Lord, Have Mercy”*

GLORIA

*“Glory to God in the Highest”*

COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Job 38:4-18 (ESV)**

*The LORD answers Job with questions of His own, to show that His ways are beyond human understanding.*

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE INTROIT

**Psalm 34**

L: I will bless the LORD at | all times,\* his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

**C: I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\* and delivered me from | all my fears.**

L: Those who look to him are | radiant,\* and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

**C: This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him\* and saved him out of all his | troubles.**

L: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,\* and de- | livers them.

**C: Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\* Blessed is the man how takes ref- | uge in him!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

L: I will bless the LORD at | all times,\* his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

EPISTLE READING

**Romans 10:5-17 (ESV)**

*Paul contrasts the righteousness of keeping the Law with the righteousness based on faith in the Gospel of Christ.*

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But 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); because, 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

*"These Things are Written"*

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 14:22-33 (ESV)**

*Jesus demonstrates that he is the Son of God when he walks on water.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON HYMN

*"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

**Rachel Saunders**

**#720**

## SERMON

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"*

**#806**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

**#739**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev David Feddern ,Zion Lutheran Church & School, Hampton  
Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

### For Our Congregation and Community:

**Maya Elena Brauer born Monday August 3rd, (daughter of Bobbie & Brittany Brauer,  
granddaughter of Principal Bob & Kathy Brauer**

**Family of Jan Hoehler, good friend and cousin of Kyle Hinkel who passed away on Wednesday  
after a long battle with cancer**

### **School Staff & Family's**

**Dealing with an illness:** Dawson Dey (son of Andrea Dey and Grandson of Stan and Kathy Bruns),  
Lois Richters, Don Butzke, Bil Rodgers, Eugene Hladky, Jon Surma (Jessica Borchert's father),  
Sheila Franks (Daughter in law of Mike and Jo Franks),  
Dick Greenwood, LaVerne Miller (Latricia Gierhan's Father),  
Patty Bativelle (Teresa Gruber's Former Sister in Law),  
Debbie Haleem (Ron & Velma Watson's daughter), Linda Ehlers,  
Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),  
Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link), Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family, Aaron DeWaard

**Declining Health:** Candi (relative of OJ Utter), Mary Jo (Amy Frye's stepmom)

**Recovering from surgery:** Jenni Conell, Heather Wellman,  
Mandy Georges (David Matlock's daughter), Aaron Price (Rosie Matlock's grandson)

### ***In Response to God's Love***

August 2: Total Attendance: 116 Sunday School: none

### **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY (08-09) 9:00 AM Worship Service online and in person

10:30 AM Bible Study online and in person

6:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (08-10) 1:00 PM Bible Study online

TUESDAY (08-11) -----

WEDNESDAY (08-12) -----

THURSDAY (08-13) 8:20 AM First Day of School

9:30 AM Opening Chapel

FRIDAY (08-14) 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY (08-15) -----

SUNDAY (08-16) 9:00 AM Worship Service online and in person

10:30 AM Bible Study online and in person

11:00 AM Tanking trip

As of 7-28-20	Amount received 7-26-20	Needed each week	Received YTD 2020	YTD Amount needed to cover 2020 budget +2019 shortage	Difference
General Fund	\$8,508.00		\$315,822.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$6,894.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$23,488.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$8,508.00	\$19,222.00	\$346,204.00	\$443,708.00	-\$97,504.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$155.00	Bldg Fund**	\$46,917.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$225.00	Teacherage Fund	\$75.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$8,612.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/19-8/20) 5k goal	\$55.00	\$91.00	\$4,453.00	\$4,423.00	\$30.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) On April 14, 2020 St. Paul received funds from the SBA Paycheck Protection Loan Program of \$114,627.00.

**There has been interest in a trip to Mission Central near Mapleton, IA, where missionaries Gary Thies and Rev. Brent Smith work to support other missionaries.** We are planning to make a carpool trip there on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Deaconess Kim Bueltmann, who serves in Germany working among the Iranian refugees as well as the German people, plans to give a presentation on that date. Gary writes that tours begin at 10:30am so we will have to leave Utica at 7am. If you are interested in making this trip, please sign your name on the appropriate sheet at the Welcome Center by August 30th. If you willing to drive your car there, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

Thank you and God's blessing to all of you for your prayers, food, help and well wishes during and after my surgery. God has truly blessed me with many Christian friends here at St Paul. Ann Gardels

### **Future Worship Plans**

Weekly worship services will be open to all families of the congregation. State health department guidelines for social distancing will remain in place for the foreseeable future, so our church capacity remains limited. Those planning to attend worship will still need to sign up through a new feature on our website "SIGN UP FOR WORSHIP" link (on a smartphone you'll need to click the menu icon first) and follow the instructions OR contact the church office in advance.

As always, please make your own wise judgments about attending in person. Those who are feeling sick, in frail health, or caring for someone in those conditions should remain home and worship with us online.

Also beginning in August, we will be serving communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays once again. Our communion practice will be modified to maintain social distancing. There are no more drive-up communion services planned at this time. Anyone wishing to receive communion privately may contact Pastor Dunbar.

***Time change for the Voter's Meeting on August 23rd, 2020 will be 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary with social distancing.***

***On August 16th we will be going tanking at Broken Arrow in Fullerton. We would leave right after church to arrive there by 11:30 am. Cost will be \$10 per person. Please bring your own food and drinks. Let Brittany know by August 9th if you want to go!***

**St Paul Lutheran School is seeking a school custodian.** If you are interested please contact Mr Brauer school: 4025342121 or cell phone: 4026413371. Thank you for your consideration.

**If you shop on Amazon,** please log in through <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0461081> and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases to our school at no additional cost to you. As of May 2020 Amazon has donated \$444.17 to our school.

**Mr. Luce has reached a milestone in his ministry - 40 years of service!** God has truly bless St. Paul with the many years of wonderful and faithful service Mr Luce has given to our church, school and community. Please join us as we recognize his ministry at opening worship on August 13 @ 9:30 a.m. Included will be a card shower, so if you have a card to make or give to Mr. Luce, please bring it on the 13th or get it to Mr. Brauer so that they can be presented to him at this service.

**We will also have a short Kindergarten graduation at this opening worship.** COVID -19 did not let us have this recognition at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, so we will be doing it at this service. You are invited to come for both of these recognitions.