



Mission Festival
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn - TLH 514

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

1. God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.
2. Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.
3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.
4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense.
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.
5. His purposes will ripen fast,

Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own Interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

Pastor: We begin our fall mission festival service today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: [spoken] Amen!

Mission Hymn *TLH 496:1 Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying*
**Hark! the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves
away?"**

**Loud and long the Master calleth, Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?**

P: What is the purpose of a mission festival? What is the mission of a church? What is your mission? Today's service is a happy occasion. We are reminded it is our joy that Jesus, the risen Savior, has called us and sent us to be His messengers and witnesses to ALL... to share the Good News with the world!

Mission Hymn *TLH 496:2 Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying*
**If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the Judgment's dread
alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.
Confession and Absolution of Sins**

P: Let us therefore confess and pray:

ALL: Dear Father in heaven, You are mighty in all You do and say. You have shown Your unfailing love to us even though we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We worship and adore You because You have sacrificed Your only beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, for the full payment and forgiveness of all our sins. As sinful human beings, we often fail to share Your Word and have often been poor examples as Your dear children.

Forgive us, Lord, for these offenses, and give us the courage and strength to boldly confess and glorify Your name and Your truth to all. Let us walk before You as a light to this dark world. All this we confess and pray in the name of Your Son, our risen and eternal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Upon this confession of your sins, by the promise and authority of Christ our Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

Mission Hymn *TLH 496:3 Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying*
Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Job 38:4–18*

[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,

7 when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

9 when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

12 “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,

13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?

14 It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.

15 From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

16 “Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.”

Psalmody

Psalm 18; WS page 33

Antiphon: In ev’ry age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

I | love you,*

O | LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,*
**my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the
horn of my salvation, my | stronghold.**

³ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy | to be praised,*
and I am saved from my | enemies.

⁴ The cords of death en- | compassed me;*
the torrents of destruction as- | sailed me;

⁵ the cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.

⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I | cried for help.*
**From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him |
reached his ears.**

Antiphon: In ev’ry age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

⁷ Then the earth | reeled and rocked;*
**the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked,
because he was | angry.**

⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire | from his
mouth;*

glowing coals flamed | forth from him.

⁹ He bowed the heavens and | came down;*
thick darkness was un- | der his feet.

¹⁰ He rode on a cher- | ub and flew;*
he came swiftly on the wings | of the wind.

¹¹ He made darkness his covering, his canopy a- | round him,*

thick clouds dark with | water.

¹² Out of the brightness be- | fore him*

hailstones and coals of fire broke | through his clouds.

Antiphon: In ev'ry age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

¹³ The LORD also thundered in the | heavens,*

and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and | coals of fire.

¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows and | scattered them;*

he flashed forth lightnings and | routed them.

¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of
the world were | laid bare*

**at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your |
nostrils.**

¹⁶ He sent from on high, he | took me;*

he drew me out of many | waters.

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.

Antiphon: In ev'ry age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

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Confession of Faith *Explanation to the 3rd Article*

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe
in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy
Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His
gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way
He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole
Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in
the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and**

richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

Sermon Text

Romans 10:5-17

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6 But the righteousness based on 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). 8 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); 9 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. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14 But how are they to 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? 15 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!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Verse of the Day

Matthew 14:27

P: Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23** And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, **24** but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. **25** And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. **26** 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.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." **28** And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **29** He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." **31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Hymn of the Day *TLH 649 "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me"*

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

2. As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will

When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3. When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Sermon text (above) *Romans 10:5-17*

**“Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us
by the Word of Faith”**

Guest Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

Offertory *WS p16*

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

Sermon Hymn *TLH 428 “I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus”*

1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

2. I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy

Trusting now.

3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

4. I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

5. I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

What He Says

You say, Why believe in ever after? I say, the Bible tells me so.

You say, Why trust in just a book? I say, cause it was written by my God.

You say, Why is your God, the right God? I say, it's not by works of me.

You say, I think I'm a good person. I say, My God is who judges me!

But He says, "I am the way the truth and the life"

He says, "No one comes to the Father, but by Me"

And He says, "I give the waters of eternal life"

He says, "He who hears you hears Me"

You say, Is your God a loving God? I say, He loves more than we can see.

You say, Then why do bad things happen? I say, Sin brought all this to be.
You say, So you think I am a sinner? I say, We are both guilty!
You say, So what then is the answer? I say, Christ died for all to be free!

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John 14:6; 4:10; Luke 10:16

Evangelism Prayer

P: Dear Father in heaven, with your gift of a Savior you restored hope for our fallen world and brought glory to your name. We thank you for the good news that you have reconciled the world to yourself through your Son.

C: Be with us as you give us opportunities to proclaim your glorious name of salvation in Jesus Christ our Savior.

P: O Jesus, Lamb of God, we praise you for offering yourself as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all. On the cross you declared the sacrifice for sins completed. At the open tomb, you assured the world that sinners are reconciled to God.

C: Be with us as you have promised, so that we may be bold and confident witnesses to our family members and friends.

P: Holy Spirit, blessed Counselor, use your Word of Truth and power to break down the barriers to our witness, including fallen mankind's natural hatred for God and Satan's wicked work among us.

C: Empower us by your gospel, and encourage us to be faithful, fervent witnesses to the people among whom we live and work.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, send us by the power of your Word into the mission fields beyond the walls of our church. Give us hearing ears and seeing eyes that seize the opportunities you set before us to be your witnesses.

C: Guide us, strengthen us, and bless us as we declare Christ to our world. Amen.

P: Lord Jesus, You taught us how to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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 INSTITUTION – OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PASTOR: Holy Communion is called the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20), the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 10:21), and the Sacrament of the Altar (1 Cor. 11:24). What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

ALL: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[TLH #315:1]*

I come, O Savior, to Thy Table, For weak and weary is my soul;

Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able, To satisfy and make me whole:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

P: But where is this written?

ALL: The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way:

P: “Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, ‘Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.’”

ALL: In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,

P: ‘Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’”

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[TLH #315:6]*

Weary am I and heavy laden, With sin my soul is sore opprest;

Receive me graciously, and gladden, My heart, for I am now Thy guest.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

THE BLESSINGS – OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PASTOR: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

ALL: The words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament.

P: For where there is forgiveness of sins,

ALL: There is also life and salvation!

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[TLH #315:9]*

What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;

It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

THE POWER – OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PASTOR: How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?

ALL: Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” which do this.

P: These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament.

ALL: Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[TLH #315:11]*

Thy body given for me O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed

These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

THE RECEPTION – OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PASTOR: When is one properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?

ALL: Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation.

P: However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

ALL: Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, “for you,” require nothing but believing hearts.

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[TLH #315:13]*

Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.

No hell I fear, and thus securely, With Jesus I to heaven rise.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn *TLH 370:1,4 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

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