

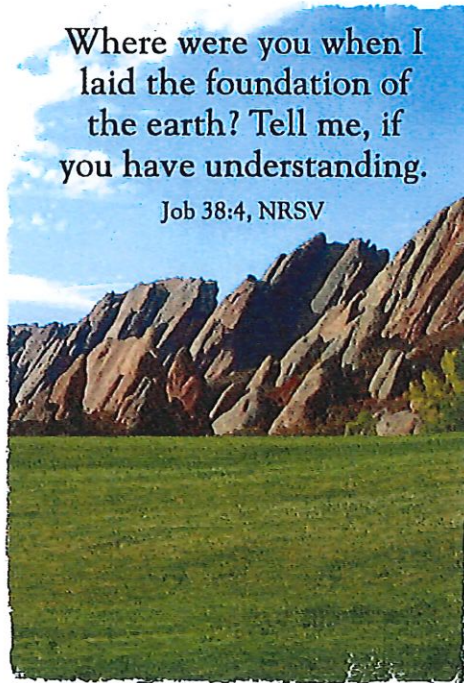
# The Divine Service

## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

### August 9, 2020

Where were you when I  
laid the foundation of  
the earth? Tell me, if  
you have understanding.

Job 38:4, NRSV



### **AS WE GATHER**

The Gospel stories of Jesus often have a familiarity to us that may diminish what the sacred writer wants us to understand. Simply put, there has never been any individual on this earth like Jesus. He has divine power that can heal the sick, revive the dead, and multiply bread and fish to feed multitudes. And He can even walk on water. Nobody else has ever done that. Only Jesus. As we worship and hear the Gospel account shared today, let us rediscover in Jesus our one and only Savior.

### **Call to Worship**

### **Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day**

### **Invocation**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

## Opening Sentences

Pastor: We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

**People: We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**Processional Hymn**      **"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"**      *LSB 816*



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies      Let the Cre - a - tor's  
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord;      E - ter - nal truth at -  
 Δ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,      All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise;      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
 tends Thy Word.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
 Son, to Thee.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung      Through ev - 'ry land by  
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore      Till suns shall rise and  
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore      For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
 set no more.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er - more:      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu      -      ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu      -      ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu      -      ia!

**Greeting**

**Pastor:**      The Lord be with you.

**People:**      **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor:**      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.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## Old Testament

*Job 38:4-18*

Pastor: 4[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, 7when 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, 9when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, 10and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,11and 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,13that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?14It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. 15From 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? 17Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?18Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 10:5-17*

Pastor: 5Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7or "'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 with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14But 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? 15And 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!" <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 14:22-33*

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup>And 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 and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And 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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way" LSB 765 verses 1,4,5



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And  
5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -  
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.  
ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.  
and will break In bless - ings on your head.

**Sermon**      **God's Answer - Job 38:4-18**

*Pastor Scott Gress*

## Apostles' Creed

**People:**      **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

*Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy"  
Congregation responds, "**Hear Our Prayer**"*

## Gathering of Gifts

## Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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.**

## Benediction

### Recessional Verse "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## Dismissal

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: **Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope and pray you had a chance to see Christ in a very personal and real way. If you have a prayer request or would like to talk to the pastor or one of our Stephen Ministers contact the church office at 954-384-9096 or by email at [office@stpaulweston.org](mailto:office@stpaulweston.org).*

*Amen!*

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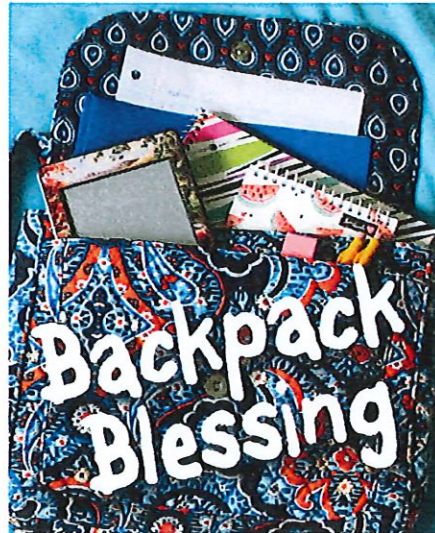
Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



# Blessing of the Backpacks and College Sending Service

Next Sunday, August 16

All Students bring their backpacks for this special blessing during the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services.



We will also hold a drive thru Backpack Blessing this day from 12:PM-12:30 PM.

