

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.

## INTERCESSIONS

*Lord, in your mercy.  
Hear our prayer.*

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*spoken with COVID—restraint*)

## BENEDICTION & SENDING

**POSTLUDE**    *Praeludium in d (BWV 554)*      J.S. Bach



# THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2020

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*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.*

## PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Denise M. Grant	Presider
Kurt Heyer	Minister of Music
Rich Moellering	Lector, Intercessor

## COVID19 PROTOCOL

All worshipers are expected to wear a mask and to keep the mask on at all times. If you are not able to bring a mask, one will be provided for you.

Social distancing will be observed, including significant spacing in the sanctuary between worshipers. Exception will be made of those in the same family group or live in the same household. Certain pews will be inaccessible.

## SACRAMENT

Distribution of Holy Eucharist will be available following worship.



Saint James Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



**PRELUDE***Oh, Worship the King*

Flor Peeters

**CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,  
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 differences 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.**

Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through + Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Your sins are forgiven.  
Live now in hope, for hope does not disappoint,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY****FIRST LESSON****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.*

**SECOND LESSON****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.*

**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.*

**HOMILY****CREED** (*spoken with COVID—restraint*)

**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.**