

**WORSHIP for CHURCH AT HOME**  
**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*God's grace as you prepare for Worship. A Note about this Order.*

*The Service Order is provided with Hymn and Songs as used in Sunday Morning Worship.*

*If you are Reading this from a Computer, there are a number of places that are in ['blue and underlined'](#).*

*If you 'Click' on these 'Links' they will take you to a YouTube Version of the Song.*

*There is a list of additional Song Suggestions at the Conclusion of the Service Order,  
from the Lutheran Church of Australia's "Worship Resources)*

*May you experience God's blessings in your worship at home.*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

*(A Prayer for before Worship)*

LORD God, loving Father,  
as Your Son walked upon the water, You call to us to place our trust in You.  
Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on You.  
Attune our hearts and our lives to hear Your call and to respond in faith;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCE: Matthew 14:27**

But Jesus quickly spoke to them,  
"Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

**INVOCATION**

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

**As the deer pants for the water [CLICK HERE](#)**

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.  
You alone are my strength and shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

**I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.  
You alone are my strength and shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

**You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.  
You alone are my strength and shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

## **CONFESSION**

Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,  
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Almighty God, merciful Father,  
I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done.  
I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity.  
But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You,  
for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us,  
and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins.  
To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God,  
and has given them His Holy Spirit.

Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**Amen.**

## **INTROIT: From Psalm 105**

<sup>1</sup> *O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.*

<sup>2</sup> *Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.*

<sup>3</sup> *Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.*

**Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

<sup>4</sup> *Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.*

<sup>5</sup> *Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgements He has uttered,*

<sup>6</sup> *O offspring of His servant Abraham, children of Jacob, His chosen ones.*

<sup>45b</sup> *Praise the LORD!*

**Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray that we may be defended in doubt and difficulty. [silence]*

LORD God, loving heavenly Father,  
Your Son Jesus Christ gave up His life  
so that we might die to self and live in Him.  
Give us such close fellowship with Him  
that in all doubts and dangers our faith may not fail.  
We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 37:1-4,12-28** Joseph sold into slavery in Egypt (MEV)

<sup>1</sup> Now Jacob lived in the land where his father was a foreigner, in the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers, and the boy was with the sons of Bilhah and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age, and he made him a coat of many colours. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. <sup>12</sup> Now his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. <sup>13</sup> Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup> Israel said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. <sup>15</sup> A certain man found him wandering in the field. The man asked him, "What are you looking for?" <sup>16</sup> And he said, "I am looking for my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding their flocks." <sup>17</sup> The man said, "They have departed from here. I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan. <sup>18</sup> When they saw him some distance away, before he came near to them, they conspired against him to kill him. <sup>19</sup> They said one to another, "The master of dreams comes! <sup>20</sup> Come now, let us kill him and throw him into some pit, and we will say, 'Some evil beast has devoured him.' Then we will see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup> But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not kill him." <sup>22</sup> Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, but throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him," so that he might rescue him out of their hands and deliver him to his father again. <sup>23</sup> When Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped Joseph of his coat—his coat of many colours that he had on. <sup>24</sup> And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty, and there was no water in it. <sup>25</sup> Then they sat down to eat. And looking up, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, carrying it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let us not lay our hand on him, for he is our brother and our own flesh." So his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup> Then when the Midianite merchants passed by, they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

*This is the Word of the LORD. Thanks be to God.*

## SECOND READING

**Romans 10:5-17** The word of the Lord is near you (NET)

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is by the law: "*The one who does these things will live by them.*" <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: "*Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'*" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> or "*Who will descend into the abyss?'*" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> 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 preach), <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and thus has righteousness and with the mouth one confesses and thus has salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the scripture says, "*Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.*" <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all, who richly blesses all who call on Him. <sup>13</sup> For *everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.* <sup>14</sup> How are they to call on one they have not believed in? And how are they to believe in one they have not heard of? And how are they to hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, "How timely is the arrival of those who proclaim the good news." <sup>16</sup> But not all have obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" <sup>17</sup> Consequently faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the preached word of Christ.

*This is the Word of the LORD. Thanks be to God.*

### **ALLULUIA VERSE**

*Alleluia!*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The disciples cried out in fear;  
but Jesus said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'*

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 14:22-33** Jesus walks on the water *(NRSV)*

<sup>22</sup> Immediately He [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning He came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> 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, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> 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."

*This is the gospel of the LORD. Praise be to You, O Christ.*

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for showing yourself as the Son of God.  
Help us always to trust and worship you. **Amen.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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, dead, and 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**

**Ancient of Days - CityAlight [CLICK HERE](#)**

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,  
there is still one King reigning over all.  
So I will not fear for this truth remains  
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

None above Him, none before Him,  
all of time in His hands.  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in His name.  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul;  
He is here with me, I am not alone.  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name;  
for my God is, the Ancient of Days.

None above Him, none before Him,  
all of time in His hands.  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in His name.  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.

Though I may not see what the future brings,  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face  
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

None above Him, none before Him,  
all of time in His hands.  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in His name.  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.  
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***SERMON***

*At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon  
(Grace Lutheran Congregation Sermon available usually early Sunday afternoon:  
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**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet [CLICK HERE](#)**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, I think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me,  
nothing will I fear as long as You are near, please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet I'll forever be wand'ring.  
Jesus, be my guide, hold me to Your side; I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*We pray, saying:*  
*LORD, we cry out to You;*  
**hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

*Let us bless the LORD.*  
**God be praised forevermore.**

The LORD bless us and keep us.  
The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.

**Amen!**

## **GROWING FAITH AT HOME BIBLE VERSE: Matthew 14:27**

*But Jesus quickly spoke to them,  
"Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."*

### **GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING**

*May the Lord Jesus take hold of you when you are scared.  
May He give you faith to trust in Him.*

### **WORDS OF SENDING**

*Go in peace,  
and make known the LORD's deeds among the peoples.*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**To God be the glory, great things He has done!** [CLICK HERE](#)

**To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in!**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

**Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915

## OTHER HYMNS AND SONG SUGGESTIONS FOR THE READINGS

### First reading (a): Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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### Second reading: Romans 10:5-15

#### LHS

138 The Lord my God be praised  
139 We all believe in one true God, Father\*  
142 We all believe in one true God, Maker\* G3  
159 O for a thousand tongues to sing\* G5  
271 The gospel shows the Father's grace G5  
504 To Thy temple I repair G5  
782 At the name of Jesus G7  
793 To God be the glory (G, STJ, 50)

#### AT

26 He is Lord  
103 Send your servant down the road  
244 We have seen the Word of life  
349 There is a redeemer  
362 I believe, I do  
446 Mercy  
455 All this I believe

### Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

#### LHS

149 Jesus, priceless treasure\* G3  
301 Take Thou my hand and lead me\* G3  
524 The golden morning (esp vv 4,5)\*  
578 Eternal Father, strong to save G6  
854 Be still, my soul  
862 As we step from the edge of morning GS  
878 Your love surrounds me GS

#### AT

10 Your love surrounds me  
101 As we step from the edge of morning  
203 Keeping my eyes on you  
235 In your hand, my Saviour