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10:00AM

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

** Please stand as you are able*

* **THE GATHERING SONG:** #821

Shout To The Lord

* **THE GREETING**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of

Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from 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 one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on

the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page 151a)

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

#756

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*** THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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.**

**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.**

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God’s creation.

Merciful God,
recieve our prayer.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

*** THE OFFERTORY: Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful #184**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:**

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word. All that has life and breath praises your name. For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy, and called us to faith. For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

We entreat you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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.**

SENDING

*** BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

*** THE SENDING SONG: #632**
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today: August 9, 2026

Acolyte: Schmalz Family

Lector: Judy Bariexca

Ushers: Steve Anderson

Musician: David May

Sound System: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: August 16, 2026

Communion Assistant: Laura Poethke

Acolyte: Johnson Family

Lector: Bonnie Mazza

Usher: Ferol Howell & Bonnie Mazza

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Bonnie Mazza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized. Due to privacy laws, hospitals do not notify the church when a member is admitted. Your call to the office alerts Pastor Haab, and will ensure that the patient is in our prayers.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER WORSHIP: Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. On the 4th Sunday of each month our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The food pantry needs have grown as the word about our program is spreading. The pantry is in desperate need of cereal, juice, pancake mix, syrup, rice, mayo, ketchup, mustard, stove top, tuna, pasta, marinara sauce, canned ravioli, canned beefaroni, ramen noodles, gravy, coffee, toilet paper, hand soap, dish soap, cleaning products, laundry detergent, Diapers, baby wipes, **FROZEN:** breakfast items, chicken nuggets, hot dogs, butter, meatballs, and any other frozen items, bread and buns. Also accepted are gift cards to Shoprite, Acme or Walmart to help our pantry ladies with shopping for the food pantry.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: We are once again collecting items to help students in our area have what they need for a successful school year. Please see the table in the entry way to see how you can help. If you have any questions please contact Karin Schmalz at karin5680@aol.com for more information.

You are invited to join us in the joyous

Retirement Reception

For Pastor Haab & Lynn

ON SUNDAY
August, 30, 2026
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
WORSHIP

Please see sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Vacation Bible School

Donation List

Craft Supplies

Aluminum Foil (2 rolls)
Marbles
Colorful Straws (\$1.00 Store)

Snack Station

Ice Pops
Goldfish (individual snack bags - for 11 children)
Goldfish Crackers (Large Bag/Box)
Swedish Fish (1 package)
Twizzlers Pull and Peel (1 package)
Clear Plastic Cups
Water (individual bottles)

Decorations

Crepe Paper (Streamers) - light blue, white, green

Outdoor Activities

2 canopies (to borrow)
Small plastic beach balls (8)
Blue Tarp (2)

Monetary Gifts are accepted



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00am Worship
Wednesday 5:00-7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday: 7:00- 10:00PM AA
Next Sunday: 10:00am Worship with Communion

Make the church your Summer
vacation destination

Summer Worship

10am every Sunday

Rain or Shine

We are here all Summer long.

Your Summer Offering and why its important

Our summer months are a time of family, vacation and trips to the shore. While we all enjoy this time, we need to stay faithful in our time, talents and giving to the work of the Lord.

Summer is a challenging time financially for the church.

As attendance drops down, so does plate offering.

We also lose two months of donations from the school as they are not in session.

IF you are able, please be faithful in giving throughout the summer. The church is always open, spreading the good news of our Lord and Savior. Offerings can be mailed to the church office, given through the Vanco app or in person on Sunday mornings.