

## THE WORD OF GOD

### TAKE-HOME INSERT

(13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost IRCL – Proper 14)

#### Collect

*Presider:* The Lord is with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together:

**Adonai,**

**You are God Omnipotent:**

**When our knees are bowed to the god of isolation,**

**You are the strength to depend on community;**

**When our hearts are seduced by the lust for control,**

**You are the strength to become innocent;**

**When our minds are cast about by the winds of fear,**

**You are the strength of Holy Trust;**

**In Christ**

**You reveal that the power of Compassion**

**Never fails. Amen.**

*A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon. Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon your breath. When distractions arise – such as thoughts and sounds and smells – simply notice and return to the breath.*

#### Hebrew Scriptures

#### 1 Kings 19:9-18

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Kings.

There he [Elijah] went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of YHWH came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” Elijah replied, “I have been very zealous for YHWH God Omnipotent. The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death by the sword. I am the only one left, and now they’re trying to kill me, too.” God said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of YHWH, for YHWH is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountain apart and shattered the rocks by YHWH’s power – but YHWH was not in the whirlwind. After the wind there was an earthquake – but YHWH was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire – but YHWH was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” Elijah replied, “I have been very zealous for YHWH God Omnipotent. The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death by the sword. I am the only one left, and now they’re trying to kill me, too.” YHWH told Elijah, “Go back the way you came, to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael as ruler of Aram. Also anoint Jehu ben-Nimshi as ruler over Israel, and anoint Elisha ben-Shaphat, from Abel Meholah, to succeed you as prophet.

Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve 7,000 in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Ba'al and all whose mouths have not kissed his images.”

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 85: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness** (Marty Haugen)

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**Christian Scriptures**

**The Epistle**

**Romans 10:5-15**

*Reader:* A reading from Paul's letter to the Community at Rome.

In the same way, today there's also a remnant – one chosen by grace. And if it is by grace, then it is no longer by works – for if it were, grace would no longer be grace. What follows? That what Israel sought so earnestly it did not achieve – but those who were chosen did. The rest were hardened, as it says in scripture: “God gave them a sluggish spirit, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, down to this very day.” And David says: “May their own table become a trap and a snare, a stumbling block and a punishment. Let their eyes grow dim so they cannot see, and bend their backs forever.” I ask further, does their stumbling mean that they are forever fallen? Not at all! Rather, by their transgressions salvation has come to the Gentiles, to stir Israel to envy. But if their transgression and their diminishment have meant riches for the Gentile world, how much more will their fulfillment be! I say this now to you Gentiles: inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry, trying to rouse my own people to jealousy and save some of them. For if their rejection has meant reconciliation for the world, what will their acceptance mean? Nothing less than life from the dead!

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*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

*We stand as able.*

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

*Deacon:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

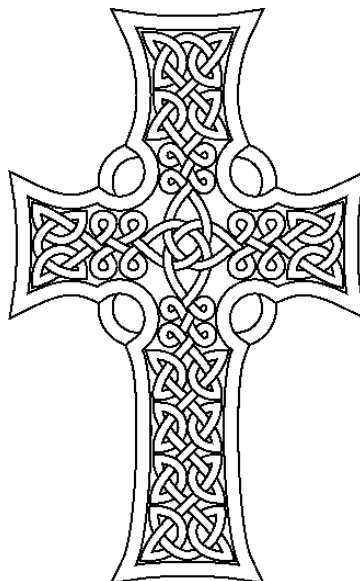
**Assembly: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. Having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, remaining there alone as night fell. Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards from shore, was being tossed about in the waves which had been raised by the fierce winds. At about three in the morning, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. "It is a ghost!" they said, and in their fear they began to cry out. Jesus hastened to reassure them: "Don't worry, it's me! Don't be afraid!" Peter spoke up and said, "If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." "Come!" Jesus said. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened. He began to sink, and cried out, "Save me!" Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter. "You have so little faith!" Jesus said to him. "Why did you doubt?" Once they had climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat showed great reverence, declaring to Jesus, "You are indeed God's Own!"

*Deacon:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

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**WELCOME** to all visitors and guests this morning! After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the lower level (accessible by stairs or elevator) for coffee and conversation.

**TODAY'S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Presider:	Bob Railey
Preacher:	Jo DeYoung
Deacon:	Larry Shell
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
First Reader:	Tom Cappuccio
Second Reader:	Cathy Greer Cole
Prayers of the People:	Pat Micklow
Chalice Bearers:	Coralie Hambleton
Ushers:	
Server:	Faith Cole
Altar Guild:	Bertha Loehde and Marcia Franz
Coffee Hour Hosts:	Ann and Geoff Smith and Kai Carrigan
Evening Prayer Officiant:	Mary Sullivan
Eucharistic Visitors:	MGH: Bob Railey; Hugh Kahler; Marcia Franz

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

***August Food Bank Needs: Canned peaches, canned pears, and fruit cocktail***

Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
	Executive Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Prayer w/Holy Eucharist	5:30 pm
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Luncheon – Wahlstrom's	11:30 am
Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Episcopal Ministry Discernment Team	10:00 am
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Eucharist: 14 Pentecost	10:30 am

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in memory or celebration of a loved one can sign up on the list on the board in the atrium. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Jayne McQuaid at 226-2355.

**Annual Convention Delegates**

The Diocesan Annual Convention will be held in Marquette October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. At its August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, our Vestry will select four voting delegates to the convention. Anyone interested in being a delegate or for more information please contact a member of the Vestry.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

The Food Bank items for August are: Canned peaches, canned pears and fruit cocktail. As always, other items are welcomed. Monetary donations can be made by writing "Food Donations" on the memo line of your check or marking the envelope the same when donating cash. Both can be placed in the collection plate on any Sunday. Questions about Hunger Ministry? Call Larry Shell: 360-8214 or email him at [larry@shell-family.com](mailto:larry@shell-family.com).

**LADIES LUNCHEON**

The ladies of St. Paul's will gather on Friday, August 15 at 11:30 am at Wahlstrom's Restaurant in Harvey. Please RSVP to Barb Carpenter by noon on Thursday at 226-7571.