

toward him.

But when Peter saw how strong the wind was, he was afraid and started sinking. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

At once, Jesus reached out his hand. He helped Peter up and said, "You surely don't have much faith. Why do you doubt?"

When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind died down. The men in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "You really are the Son of God!"

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' ( 129 )

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

'O Worship the King' (536)

'In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful' (766)

'The Lord is My Light' (786)



**POST COMMUNION**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FINAL HYMN:** 'At the Name of Jesus' (48) We sing verses 1,5 & 6

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**10th Sunday after Trinity**

**9th August 2026**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

'Jesus is Lord! Creation's Voice Proclaims It' (344)

**COLLECT:**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST READING**

**1 Kings 19.9-18**

Elijah spent the night there in a cave.

While Elijah was on Mount Sinai, the Lord asked, "Elijah, why are you here?"

He answered, "Lord God All-Powerful, I've always done my best to obey you. But your people have broken their solemn promise to you. They have torn down your altars and killed all your prophets, except me. And now they are even trying to kill me!"

"Go out and stand on the mountain," the Lord replied. "I want you to be there when I pass by."

All at once, a strong wind shook the mountain and shattered the rocks. But the Lord was not in the wind. Next, there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Then there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire.

Finally, there was a gentle breeze, and when Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat. He went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.



A voice asked, "Elijah, why are you here?"

Elijah answered, "Lord God All-Powerful, I've always done my best to obey you. But your people have broken their solemn promise to you. They have torn down your altars and killed all your prophets, except me. And now they are even trying to kill me!"

The Lord said:

Elijah, you can go back to the desert near Damascus. And when you get there, appoint Hazael to be king of Syria. Then appoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be king of Israel, and Elisha son of Shaphat to take your place as my prophet.

Hazael will start killing the people who worship Baal. Jehu will kill those who escape from Hazael, and Elisha will kill those who escape from Jehu. But 7,000 Israelites have refused to worship Baal, and they will live.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 10: 5 – 15**

Moses said a person could become acceptable to God by obeying the Law. He did this when he wrote, "If you want to live, you must do all the Law commands."

But people whose faith makes them acceptable to God will never ask, "Who will go up to heaven to bring Christ down?" Neither will they ask, "Who will go down into the world of the dead to raise him to life?"

All who are acceptable because of their faith simply say, "The message is as near as your mouth or your heart." And this is the same message we preach about faith. So you will be saved, if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.

The Scriptures say no one who has faith will be disappointed, no matter if that person is a Jew or a Gentile. There is only one Lord, and he is

generous to everyone who asks for his help. All who call out to the Lord will be saved.

How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them? And how can anyone tell them without being sent by the Lord? The Scriptures say it is a beautiful sight to see even the feet of someone coming to preach the good news.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GRADUAL HYMN: 'At the Dawning of Creation' (46)**

**We sing verse 4 after the Gospel Reading**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 14: 22–33**

At once, Jesus made his disciples get into a boat and start back across the lake. But he stayed until he had sent the crowds away. Then he went up on a mountain where he could be alone and pray. Later in the evening, he was still there.

By this time the boat was a long way from the shore. It was going against the wind and was being tossed around by the waves. A little while before morning, Jesus came walking on the water toward his disciples. When they saw him, they thought he was a ghost. They were terrified and started screaming.



At once, Jesus said to them, "Don't worry! I am Jesus. Don't be afraid."

Peter replied, "Lord, if it really is you, tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come on!" Jesus said. Peter then got out of the boat and started walking on the water