

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:45-56*

⁴⁵Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. ⁴⁷Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ⁵¹Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵²for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.



'Come grow with us!'

Living Word



"It Falls from the Sky for Free"

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28th, 2024

10:00 am Service

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Order of service shown on-screen.

Greeting & Opening Prayer

WE REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS...

Opening VBS Video *"Forever God, Forever Love"*

Invocation

Confession & Forgiveness *On screen or LSB p. 184 & 185*

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed*

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD...

Today's Psalm *Psalm 136:1-9* *Read Responsively*

Scripture Readings *Facing Page*

Message Hymn *"Passed Thru the Waters"*

Message: Elder Bill Merchantz *"It Falls From the Sky for Free"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL...

Prayers of God's People

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing VBS Video *"A Friend We Can Trust"*

Please place offerings in basket at sanctuary entrance

Today's Psalm: **Psalm 136:1-9**

Elder: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.
His love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the God of gods. *His love endures forever.*

Elder: Give thanks to the Lord of lords: *His love endures forever.*

People: to Him who alone does great wonders,
His love endures forever.

Elder: who by His understanding made the heavens,
His love endures forever.

People: who spread out the earth upon the waters,
His love endures forever.

Elder: who made the great lights—*His love endures forever.*

People: the sun to govern the day, *His love endures forever.*

Elder: the moon and stars to govern the night;
His love endures forever.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." ¹⁷ So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."