

COS Sunday Devotional Streaming
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Prelude Music

Welcome

Good morning, and welcome to our phygital worship here at Christ Our Savior. Today we are continuing a three-week series on Miracles of the Church in Matthew. Many commentators have spoken of "parables of the kingdom," but in these three weeks, we'll be talking about *how miracles show God's priorities* in dealing with the church. Last week, we talked about *the priority of providing* in Matthew 14 with the feeding of 5,000. Today we will continue with Jesus' walking on water and consider the *priority of the plan*.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Sins Spoken Together

We praise You, heavenly Father, for bringing us to the beginning of another week. You have given us this new day in Your house to worship and praise You. Bless us and all Your children as You gather us in Your name to hear Your Word and to receive Your gifts, which were won for us by Christ's sacrifice on the cross. For His sake, mercifully accept our sacrifices of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, which we offer not as we ought, but as we are able. Forgive our sins and transgressions. Keep us close to You, that we don't get distracted by the wind and the waves of this world. Lord, keep our eyes on You, and help us in moments of doubt and fear. Dear Lord, embrace us with your love and save us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Absolution Pastor Ely

Dear friends, in our Gospel reading this morning, Jesus says: ***"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."*** Jesus suffered and died on the cross, He rose again, so you may have forgiveness and eternal life. As an ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I announce to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music: Hallelujahs, Chris Rice

A purple sky to close the day,
I wade the surf where dolphins play,
The taste of salt, the dance of waves,
And my soul wells up with hallelujahs.

A lightning flash, my pounding heart,
A breaching whale, a shooting star,

Give testimony that You are,
And my soul wells up with hallelujahs.

Oh, praise Him all His mighty works!
There is no language where you can't be heard.
Your song goes out to all the earth,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O cratered moon and sparrows wings,
O thunder's boom and Saturn's rings,
Unveil our Father as you sing,
And my soul wells up with hallelujahs.

Oh, praise Him all His mighty works!
There is no language where you can't be heard.
Your song goes out to all the earth,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

The pulse of life within my wrist,
A fallen snow, a rising mist,
There is no higher praise than this,
And my soul wells up,
My soul wells up,
Yes, my soul wells up with hallelujahs.

Oh, praise Him all His mighty works!
There is no language where you can't be heard.
Your song goes out to all the earth,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
O hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Old Testament Reading Job 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? ¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its

features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶ “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Epistle Reading Romans 10:5-17

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on 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 with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?^[a] And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22–33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸ And 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 and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And 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.”

Children’s Sermon Pastor Ely

The 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, died, and was 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 whence He shall 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.

Offering Music: How Beautiful, Twila Paris

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hills to the cross.

How beautiful
How beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled,
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise.

How beautiful
How beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as he died:
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give

The fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

How beautiful
How beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

How beautiful
How beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Music: Salvation Unto Us Has Come, Koine

Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

What God did in His Law demand
And none to Him can render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

It was a false, misleading dream
That God His Law had given
That sinners can themselves redeem

And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

Yet as the law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

Meditation: "The Priority of the Plan" Pastor Ed Giese

Prayer and Benediction

Virtual Sharing of the Peace

Final Music: This is Amazing Grace, Phil Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Chorus: This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross,
You lay down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

Bridge: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (x3)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

Chorus

Chat Time