

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Sunday, June 20, 2021 4th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

WELCOME/ANNOUCEMENTS

Noisy offering chosen by Parish Ed: MLM sack lunch program & new mulch for the playground



PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 756, vs. 1 & 2

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

- Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

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 heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever. ²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe, ³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ²³Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters. ²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep. ²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea. ²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril. ²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail. ²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress. ²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea. ³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,

and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence. ³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased,



and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Kris Dietzen SERMON Pastor Kris Dietzen HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 767, vs. 1 & 2

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

 Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way; direct, protect, and feed me from day to day. Without your grace and favor I go astray; so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way. I need not fear; for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near. Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe, for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

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2 Lord, when the tempest rages,

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 Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest (*especially*). Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders (*especially*). Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

PEACE share God's peace

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION as you exit



RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 763

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
 I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,

I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

- 3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!All things are mine since I am his!How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899



PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.780.6408 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain. Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

St. Mark's members:

George McElroy, Nan Wolfe, Jim Weeg, Sheri Campbell, Marge Bott, Pete and Linda Cagle, Kathy Hinkle, Shane Paulson, Ron & Ann Gardner, Janet Schmidt, Susan & Bill Roberts, Phyllis Dettmer, Madison Young

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Glenda Kirk, friend of Joyce Johnson, Randy Borg, nephew of Joyce Johnson, Family of Paul Heath, cousin of Don Anderson, Jenny Mack, Niece of Jenny Wheeler, Chris, Brother of Pete Cagle, Corey, Son of Jim & Mary Weeg, Marilyn, Sister-in-law of Mary Weeg, Shirley, friend of the Weegs, Amber Smith, friend of Pete Cagle, Family of Kathy, cousin of Barb Nail, Iris Howard, friend of Pete Cagle, Evie Whitehill, friend of the Andersons, Steele McLaren, friend of the Luins, Leo Patton, Grandfather of Jason Howe, Gary Stepenson, Uncle of Jason Howe, Rowan Espey, family of Barbara Strampe, Bruce Campbell, Brother-in-law of Joni Benz, Steve Nelson, cousin of Louise Easterberg, Lena Shelton, friend of the Schmideskamps, Crissy, cousin of Tom Bryer, Caroline, aunt of Nancy Bryer, Jeff Needham, friend of St. Mark's, Peggy Hinkle, Step-Mother of Kathy Hinkle, Stephanie Herndon, friend of Kathy Hinkle, Tim Eiter, Father of Todd Eiter, Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols,

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Those in the Military:

A.J. Simons, nephew of Stan and Karen Thompson,

Logan Peck, nephew of Karen and Stan Thompson,