

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



God is with Us through All the Storms of Life



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

June 23, 2024

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 261)

We Sing the Almighty Power of God



6 On you each moment we depend; If you withdraw, we die. Oh, may we never God offend, Who is forever nigh!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: ICH SINGE DIR (CM) Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, Frankfurt, 1738, alt.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

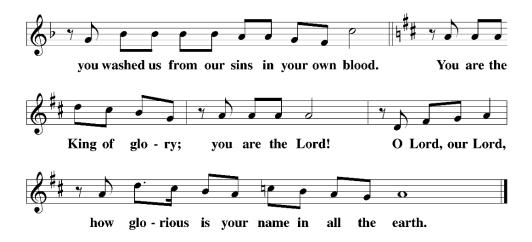


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD responded to Job out of a violent storm. He said:

² Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans with his ignorant words?

³ Get ready for action like a man! Then I will ask you questions, and you will inform me.

⁴ Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you understand anything about it. ⁵ Who determined its dimensions? I am sure you know. Who stretched out the surveying line over it? ⁶ What supports its foundation? Who set its cornerstone in place, when the morning stars sang loud songs together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸ Who locked up the sea behind doors

when it burst out of the womb?

⁹ When I clothed the sea with clouds.

when I wrapped it with thick darkness as its swaddling cloths,

¹⁰ when I broke its power with my decree,

when I locked it up behind barred, double doors,

¹¹ I said, "You may come this far, but no farther.

Here is the barrier for your proud waves."

SECOND LESSON Acts 27:13-26

¹³ When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they could carry out their plan. They raised the anchor and sailed close to the shore of Crete.

¹⁴ But before long, a hurricane-like wind, called the "northeaster," rushed down from the island. ¹⁵ Since the ship was caught in it and could not head into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶ As we sailed on the sheltered side of a small island called Cauda, we were barely able to secure the skiff. ¹⁷ After hoisting it on board, the men tied ropes around the ship to reinforce it. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and in this way were driven along. ¹⁸ Because we were tossed around so violently by the storm, the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹ On the third day, they threw the ship's gear overboard with their own hands. ²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the violent storm kept pressing down on us, finally all hope that we would be saved was disappearing.

²¹ After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have followed my advice and not set sail from Crete and avoided this damage and loss. ²² But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because there will be no loss of life among you. Only the ship will be lost. ²³ In fact, last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴ and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar. And surely God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.' ²⁵ So keep up your courage, men, because I believe God that it will be exactly the way I have been told. ²⁶ However, we must run aground on some island."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

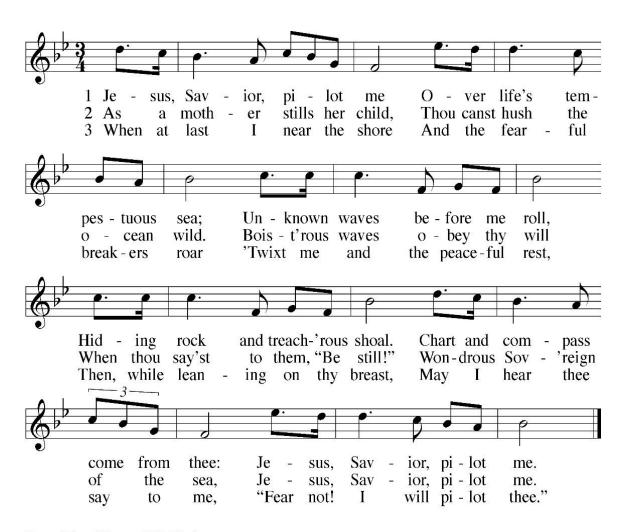
M: Alleluia. They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's go over to the other side." ³⁶ After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up. ³⁸ Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to drown?"

³⁹ Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?" ⁴¹ They were filled with awe and said to one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"





Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-88, abr.

Tune: PILOT (77 77 77) John E. Gould, 1822–75.

SERMON Psalm 46

For the choir director. By the Sons of Korah. According to alamoth. A song.

¹ God is our refuge and strength,

a helper who can always be found in times of trouble.

² That is why we will not fear when the earth dissolves and when the mountains tumble into the heart of the sea.

³ Its waters roar and foam.

The mountains quake when it rises.

Interlude

⁴ There is a river—its streams bring joy to the city of God, to the holy dwelling of the Most High.

⁵ God is in her. She will not fall.

God will help her at daybreak.

⁶ Nations are in turmoil. Kingdoms fall.

God raises his voice. The earth melts.

⁷ The LORD of Armies is with us.

The God of Jacob is a fortress for us.

Interlude

⁸ Come, look at the works of the LORD.

What a wasteland he has made of the earth!

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.

He shatters the bow. He cuts up the spear.

He burns the carts with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations.

I will be exalted on the earth."

¹¹ The LORD of Armies is with us.

The God of Jacob is a fortress for us.

Interlude

Be Still!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will 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.

BE SEATED

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

During the gathering of the offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For the endurance of the Gospel with its blessings amid every hardship, struggle and suffering; and for the steady conviction that since we have Christ, we possess everything, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian neighbors in our community and in each home, that as the beloved of God, we may be unashamed to serve each other in genuine love, truthful speech and constant patience, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our civil servants, that they would use the authority given them from above in accordance with our Lord's good design for the world, not the corruption of sin, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God would spare us from disaster, give suitable rain for the growth of crops, protect those endangered by storms, and give us faith to call on him in every trouble, trusting that he will work everything for our eternal good, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in need, *[especially* _______,] that setting their fears aside, they would recognize our Lord's care for all who are perishing; for peace to calm our troubled consciences; and that God would not reject our prayers for their faithlessness, but teach us to trust fully in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church gathered here in Holy Communion, as we receive Christ's true body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

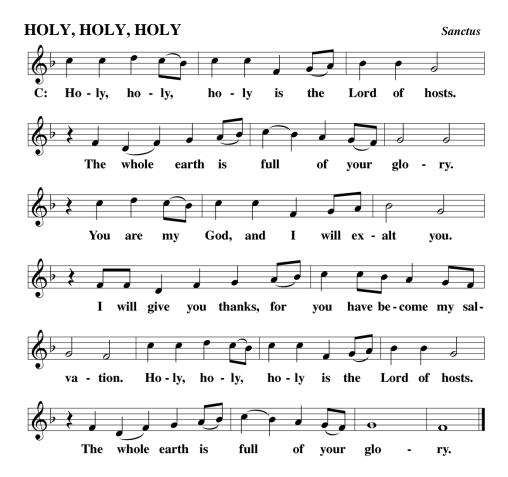


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



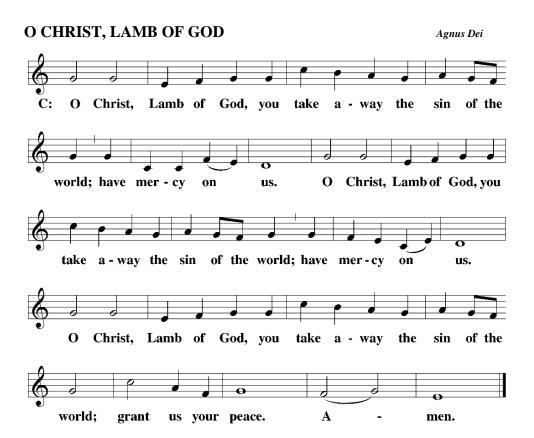
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

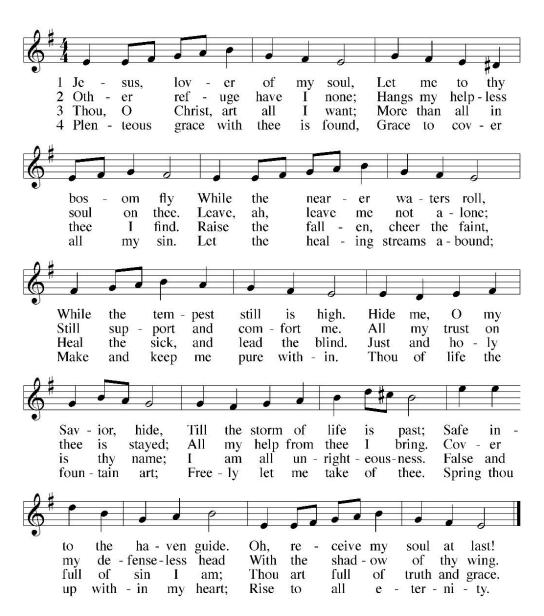




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DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr.

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH (77 77 D) Joseph Parry, 1841-1903.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 517)

Almighty Father, Strong to Save



Fext: William Whiting, 1825–78, st. 1, 4, alt.; Robert N. Spencer, 1877–1961, st. 2-3, alt. From The Hymnal 1982
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Tune: MELITA (88 88 88) John B. Dykes, 1823-76.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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shouts

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

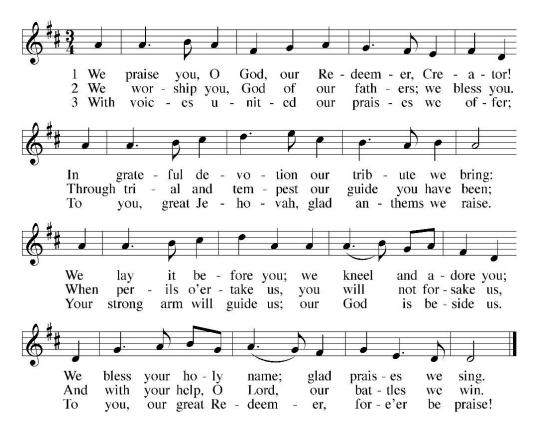
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN (CW 609)

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer



Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.

Tune: Kremser (12 11 12 11) Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, Haarlem, 1626.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you require this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Worship Meditation

June 23, 2024

"Be Still"

EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY

A powerful tornado rolls through your neighborhood. A massive hurricane heads straight for your city. A bolt of lightning sends 300 million volts to earth. The raw power and unpredictability of storms can inspire both awe and terror.

We cannot stop storms from coming. We can only hope to survive them. However, we know the Almighty God can stop storms. He can calm literal storms. He could remove metaphorical storms, other types of troubles and trials. So, if he can, why doesn't he?

Well, would you rather have a God who was distant from you but removed all the storms of life? Or would you rather have a God who allowed some storms to come but promised to be right there by your side within them, holding you close? May God give us the top-down faith that sees that the latter is by far the better option.

God promises to be with us through all the storms of life. Sometimes he removes them. But when he doesn't, it's only because he has plans to use even storms for our eternal good.

Weekly Bible Studies:

Sunday 8:00 am: 2 Thessalonians, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, lower level

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Revelation, (No Class June 26, or July 3rd)

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, lower level.

<u>Friday 6:00 am:</u> Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | **Matthew** DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday June 23: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

8:00 am: Adult Bible - sanctuary, Summer Sunday School/VBS - lower level

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Ava Wilson
- Councilman: Jim Miller
- Ushers: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Need a helper
- Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg and Sandy Heath
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Sunday June 30th: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Worship Service Begins: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

8:00 am: Adult Bible - sanctuary, Summer Sunday School/VBS - lower level

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Fruend
- Councilman: Phil Boll
- Ushers: Bob Degnan, Gene Fruend, Kortney & Kayden Zech
- Counters: Wayne Kaalberg &???
- Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg and Sandy Heath
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: TBA

<u>Sunday School/VBS: Ages Pre K – 5th Grade:</u> Bible Stories, snacks, crafts and games, as time allows. It should be a lot of fun for the children, so I hope your children can join us. There is no sign-up sheet, just come when you can and feel free to bring friends. Pre-teens and Teens are encouraged to assist with crafts and games.

<u>Happy Birthday:</u> We wish God's blessings to Dawson Dregne (6/23), Dan Manthe (6/23), Travis Ebel (6/25), Nick Anderson (6/26), Jackie Dahms (6/27), Tyler Lecy (6/27), Ethan Bauer 6/29), and Cindy Crary (6/29) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>Anniversary:</u> We wish God's blessings to Shane and Missy Strong (6/24) as they celebrate their anniversary this week.

<u>In Our Prayers:</u> Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, and Steve Tobison, who are experiencing Difficulties; and a special sympathy prayer for the friends and family of Harlan Stiemke of Zion Lutheran Church during their time of

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking Ahead:

- June 30: Summer Worship 9:00 am, Bible Study 8:00 am
- June 30: Summer Sunday School / VBS at 8:00 am
- June 15: Ladies Coffee/breakfast at M-N-M's Coffee House in Waunakee
- **July 1:** Food Drive begins
- July 12: WELS Night at the Brewers, 7:10 pm
- July 13 20: Work Week Grounds Maintenance
- <u>July 18:</u> Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 5:00 pm
- <u>July 20:</u> Breath New Life Into Your Sunday School Ministry! Conference in Wonewoc, WI
- <u>July 21:</u> Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic, Worship 10:30, picnic 12:00 noon