

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School Grafton, WI June 23, 2024

# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Today's Focus:** Who is God? All three of our readings today answer this question in relation to storms. God is the one who speaks out of the storm and is more powerful than anything in nature. God is the one who stills storms with a word. God is the one who shields us from the storm, even when it all seems hopeless. We see God's authority, power, and love even through the storms of our life.

**Stewardship from God's Word:** Acts 27:13-26 Jesus controls all things not only when he calms a storm, but also when he allowed a storm to threaten the life of Paul. We may think Jesus is in control only when things go the way we want, and base our stewardship response on that. 'If things are going well, I'll give to the Lord. If things aren't going so well, I'll hold back.' But isn't the basis of our giving Christ's love for us? When times are tough, we have opportunity to show trust in God by maintaining (or increasing) our gifts as a demonstration of confidence. Whether that is possible or not, we know that all things are in His hands and we entrust every aspect of our lives to him—in calm or storm.

#### Welcome!

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## Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just** 

and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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. **Amen.** 

## Lord, Have Mercy

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

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

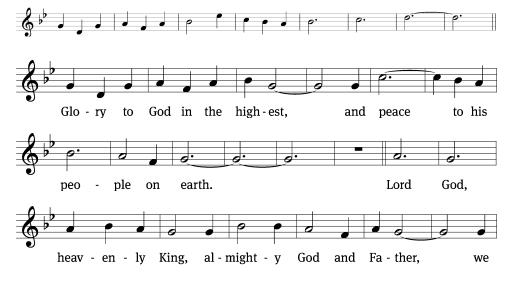
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.** 

## Glory to God in the Highest



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# The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

## Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.** 

Job 38:1-11

Be seated

## **First Reading**

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?

- <sup>3</sup>Brace yourself like a man;
  - I will question you,
  - and you shall answer me.

<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

<sup>5</sup>Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its footings set,

or who laid its cornerstone— <sup>7</sup>while the morning stars sang together

and all the angels shouted for joy?

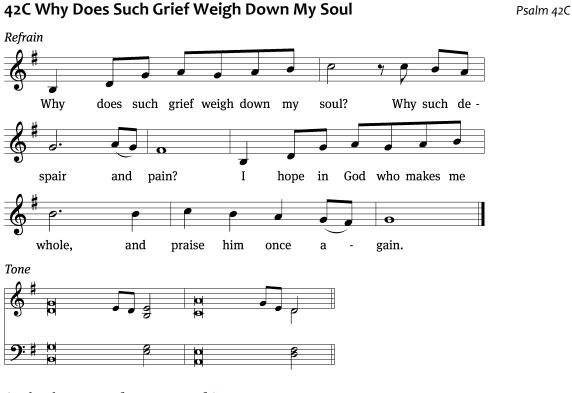
<sup>8</sup>"Who shut up the sea behind doors

when it burst forth from the womb,

- <sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment
- and wrapped it in thick darkness,
- <sup>10</sup>when I fixed limits for it
  - and set its doors and bars in place,

"when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



As the deer pants for streams of / water,

so my soul pants for / you, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the / living God.

When can I go and / meet with God?

My tears have been my food / day and night,

while people say to me all day long, "Where / is your God?" Refrain

These things I re- / member as I pour / out my soul: how I used to go to the / house of God under the protection of the / Mighty One with shouts of / joy and praise among the / festive throng. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

#### Second Reading

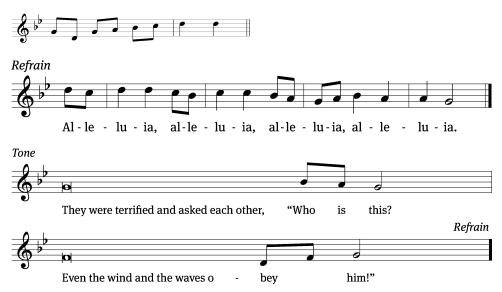
Acts 27:13-26

<sup>13</sup>When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. <sup>14</sup>Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. <sup>15</sup>The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. <sup>16</sup>As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, <sup>17</sup>so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. <sup>18</sup>We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. <sup>19</sup>On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. <sup>20</sup>When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

<sup>21</sup>After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup>But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. <sup>23</sup>Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me <sup>24</sup>and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' <sup>25</sup>So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. <sup>26</sup>Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island." The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**



### Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup>A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup>Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

<sup>39</sup>He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>4</sup>°He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

<sup>4</sup>'They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

Be seated

Job 38:1-11

Stand

## **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

## **Prayer of the Church**

## Offering

Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:

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## I Know My Faith Is Founded

Stand

## Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## 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.

## Blessing

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. **Amen.** 

Be seated

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