

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Peace, be still."

June 23 & 24, 2012

AS WE GATHER

"Do you not care that we are perishing?" The disciples' question resonates with anyone who has ever wondered if there is anyone who truly, personally cares about the struggles, troubles, and fears of our lives. When you face a stormy time of life, it can seem that everyone else is just going along happily with no troubles. It can seem that no one cares. Today Jesus answers the disciples with great compassion and power. With the wind howling, the boat taking on water, and the disciples afraid for their lives, Jesus speaks. "Peace, be still," He says to the wind and the waves. And the Lord's word does what it says. The wind ceased. There was a great calm. Jesus cares. He put His mighty power to work on behalf of all those who are perishing by dying and rising for our salvation.

+ PREPARATION +

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

OPENING HYMN # 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

(Rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

People: and His greatness is unsearchable.

Pastor: On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

People: and I will declare your greatness.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, ruler of wind and wave, who laid the foundation of the earth, we confess to you our sins, both those of which we are aware and unaware.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: We confess that we often revert to fear and doubt when faced with the storms of life.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Mighty Lord, whom even the wind and the waves obey, forgive our sins, remove our doubts, calm our fears, strengthen our faith.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Peace! Be still! Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gloria in Excelsis"

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Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

People: (sing)

Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, in your mercy guide the course of this world so that your Church may joyfully serve you in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Job 38:1-11 (*The LORD answers Job.*) Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its

cornerstone — while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? “Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, 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’?”

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (*Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*)As God’s fellow workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children —open wide your hearts also.

(Rise)

GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41 (*Jesus stills the wind and the waves.*)That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 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?” He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN # 717 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" *Rise for the last stanza*

SERMON **WHO IS THIS?** *Mark 4:35-41*

(Rise)

NICENE CREED (*found on the back page of the hymnal*)

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

PRAYERS

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to our gracious God for all people according to their needs. In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of God and the salvation of the world, for the proclamation of the Gospel to all, for the protection of His holy Church and the unity of all Christians, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who serve here and throughout the church, for Matthew, our Synod President, for Gregg and Harold, our pastors in Christ, that they may point all to Christ alone and that they may receive godly respect and support, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For us and all baptized believers, that throughout the summer the Lord would keep us from distraction and continue to gather us around His holy Word and blessed Sacraments and so refresh us spiritually, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who govern and bear responsibility in our country, that God would give them determination and wisdom to serve the general welfare, to seek justice, to protect all people, that we can joyfully serve the Lord in godly peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who serve in the armed forces of our country, that they may be safe and serve well, and that their families may be sustained, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For rescue workers, that they may be protected and succeed in delivering help to others; for all who travel, that they may be kept from all harm by God’s holy angels; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the unemployed and underemployed, the brokenhearted and lonely, the barren and abandoned, that they may receive mercy; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the afflicted in body and mind, Irma, Dennis, Joe and Samuel, that the Lord would comfort them and answer their pleas according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who celebrate your abundant blessings, including Gary and Ellen, we thank you, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, you know what we need. Please be with those who remember loved ones including Pat and Don. Answer our prayers according to your gracious will. Lead us ever to rest in your abiding care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN # 752 "Be Still My Soul"

HYMN # 715 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

HYMN # 818 "In Thee Is Gladness"

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Almighty Father, in Holy Communion you bring peace and calm to our chaotic and troubled hearts by forgiving our sins. Nourished on Christ's body and blood, form us into a people who bring to this chaotic and troubled world your peace and your calm; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN # 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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