

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Bringing Peace amid Storms

June 20, 23, 24, 2018

AS WE GATHER

Wind. Storm. Waves. This describes what Jesus' disciples experienced on the Sea of Galilee, and they thought they were perishing! Can you relate? Perhaps you've felt the bluster of sickness or the storm of financial crisis or the waves of worry and anxiety. In the storms of life, know that the same Savior who was with His followers in the tempest on Galilee is with you today. The One who brought peace with His Word still gives peace in His Word and Sacrament today.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below. (LSB 752:2)

WELCOME

"[Jesus said,] The Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things
and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."
(John 14:26)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
A-glow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious,
Rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us
And distress us, Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure, Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood Refresh our
souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
For you teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving
Life forever, Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way –
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation!
Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!

That joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
We are yearning For the day of Your returning!

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: He made the storm be still,
People: and the waves of the sea were hushed.
Pastor: Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
People: and He brought them to their desired haven.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."
Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, we take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son calmed the wind and waves by His Word;

People: through that same Word, grant us your peace;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:1-11* (The Lord answers Job out of the whirlwind.) Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 6:1-13* (Having nothing, yet possessing everything)

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:35-41* (Jesus calms the storm.)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Saturday & Sunday)

SERMON HYMN #763 "When Peace, Like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;

When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,

Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate

And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;

My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;

Even so it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

SERMON "Right There in the Midst of the Storm" *Mark 4:35-41*

(Rise)

NICENE CREED (*found on the inside back cover of the bulletin*)

(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. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to Him whose Word the very winds and waves obey and before whose mighty work the morning stars sang together for joy. For pastors, missionaries and church workers, that serving our God, they would proclaim the day of salvation; that they would put no obstacle in anyone's way; and that their hearts would be open wide in Christ toward those they serve, let us pray to the Lord:

People: have mercy.

Pastor: For an increase in servants working in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that God would raise up workers for His harvest fields; and for Noah Kegley, who will be installed this Sunday as our Associate Pastor, that God would bless him in his calling and bless us through his work, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Donald, our president; Scott, our governor; and all those who make, administer and judge our laws, that God would remember them in mercy and strengthen them in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the poor, the unemployed, the lonely and abandoned, and all who feel swamped by the storms of life, that God would sustain their faith through their troubles; that He would work in us to provide love and care; and that Christ's Word would bring them peace and chase away all fears, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all God's gifts, especially His gift of marriage, family, and life, that we would give Him heartfelt thanks for these precious gifts and that He would bless Gary and Ellen as they celebrate 35 years of marriage, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and suffering, that God would bless them with grace for healing and strength according to His will, and that He would comfort the grieving and the dying, especially praying for Dick, Dorothy, Carol, Anita, Cindy, Pastor Bender, Junie, Carlene, RoseMarie, Arlene, Tony, Nancy, Sue, Jan, Dolores, Pat, Cliff, Shirley, Gladys, Herb, Matthew, Russ, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Jack, Pat, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard, Sarah and those we name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For a renewed zeal in seeking out those who have absented themselves from this family of faith, that we would be faithful brothers and sisters, calling them to return to the fellowship and gather to worship our Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who receive the Eucharist this day, that the gifts of Christ's true body and blood strengthen and confirm us, and that the joy of sin's forgiveness and death's defeat fill our hearts and shine in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those who grieve the passing of loved ones and remember them in their hearts, especially Jean as she remembers her husband Al and the 29 years of life they shared together; that God would bless her heart and fill her with hope in the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the faithful departed, let us give thanks and praise, asking that we would be brought with them into that place where there is no more fear, no more death, but only light and life in Christ forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(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"

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide; I

n ev'ry change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend

Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake

To guide the future as He has the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know

His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart

And all is darkened in this vale of tears;

Then you will better know His love, His heart,

Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.

Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay

From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

HYMN #720 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found.

For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.

HYMN #715 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of

your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith
toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus
Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;

**People: Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous
shoal.**

Pastor: Chart and compass come from Thee.

People: Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #721 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Refrain:

**Lead me, guide me, along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r

To help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, Be my aid when Satan and sin
oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if You take Your hand from me, I am blind without Thy light to see.

Lord, always let me Thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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