

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SONGS OF ASCENSION

June 24, 2018

11:00 am



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)

PRE-SERVICE *Instrumental*

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



WELCOME

✂ **PREPARATION** ✂

OPENING HYMN "The Old Rugged Cross"

SHPW 101 (tied for #12)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

**CHORUS: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. CHORUS**

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. CHORUS**

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. CHORUS**

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(Please Stand)

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 150*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!

**People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

Pastor: Praise Him with trumpet sound;
praise Him with lute and harp!

**People: Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
praise Him with strings and pipe!**

Pastor: Praise Him with sounding cymbals;
praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at
(314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: 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 let us 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(OR)

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:12, Philipians 1:6

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: 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.

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT *Job 38:1–11* (The Lord answers Job out of the whirlwind.)

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 6:1–13*

(Having nothing, yet possessing everything)

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through

slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)



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

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ 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?” ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ 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?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN'S TIME “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LSB 790, v. 1*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration!

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"**

**Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. *Refrain***

**For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain***



SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us come before God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

O God, in the midst of the storms of life, be our rock and fortress, an ever-present help in times of trouble. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Father, raise up workers for Your harvest field, for the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Help us to encourage children and youth to consider roles of service in Your Church. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Almighty, guide and give wisdom to the leaders of our nation and lands around the world. Watch over those who serve in the armed forces of our land, [*especially . . .*], granting them safety in their serving. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Maker of heaven, bless with healing and restoration according to Your will those who are weak and suffering, [*especially . . .*]. In their time of trouble, assure them of Your presence and love. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Maker of earth, give us faith to receive the body and blood of our Savior for our blessing, that we would rejoice in the forgiveness, life, and salvation You give us in Your Supper. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

People: Amen.

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Seek Ye First”

LSB 712 (tied for #27)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev’ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!**

(Please Stand)



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord’s Supper.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19

LSB 209

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

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS "Death Was Arrested"

Kersh/Smith (tied for #28)

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS: Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began **CHORUS**

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began **CHORUS**

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began **REPEAT BRIDGE**

When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began

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**All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon**

**Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon**

**CHORUS 1: Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come**

**There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon. CHORUS 1**

**So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon**

**CHORUS 2: Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing . . .
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come**

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BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION *Psalm 103:1*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG “Because He Lives”

Gaither/Gaither (tied for #20)

**God sent His Son they called Him Jesus.
He came to love heal and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives**

**CHORUS: Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives. CHORUS**

**And then one day I'll cross that river.
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives. CHORUS**

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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