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WE SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Introduction

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Why Are You Afraid?

We often find ourselves swamped by the storms of life, wind and waves beating into our boat. Perhaps it's a literal storm like the disciples experienced in today's gospel reading. Natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and even brutal blizzards have the power to upend our lives. So, too, do health crises, financial struggles, lost jobs, divorce or other relationship difficulties, the death of loved ones, and so many other situations.

Like the disciples, we may become overwhelmed by the storms and angry with God, who appears to be sleeping on the job. "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" is a common prayer in such moments. In response to that prayer, the disciples witnessed a miracle. Jesus stood up, rebuked the storm, and suddenly, all was calm.

But how often have you cried out to the Creator only to find that your personal storm rages on? The tests come back with bad news, the bank account remains overdrawn, the relationship ends, death still seems to have the last word. In these moments, it's easy to doubt: Why hasn't God stopped my storm? This side of heaven, we likely will never know why God stills some storms and not others. Yet, just as the disciples had Jesus with them in their boat, so do you. They were safe with their Teacher and the same is true for you.

The storms may beat against your boat with unimaginable force. But in your baptism, Jesus "climbed into your boat" and promised to be with you forever. You may be holding on for dear life. But truly Jesus is also holding onto you. Though your boat is rocking all over the stormy sea, he is with you, and you are safe. Do not be afraid.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

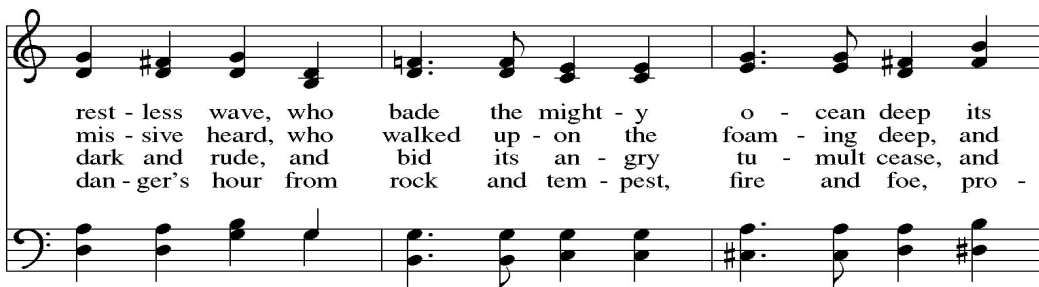
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (ELW 756)



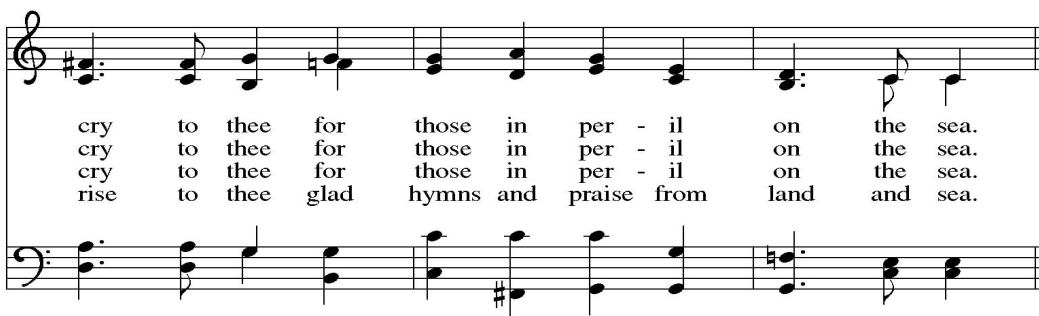
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

OPENING LITANY

O Divine Voice,

You sing and the universe comes into being;

O Divine Breath,

You breathe and all things spring to life;

O Divine Word,

You call and creation is sustained;

O Divine Flesh,

**You are born among us,
and the Creator is clothed in creation;**

O Divine Spirit,

You fill all that has been formed;

O Divine Life,

You are the pulse of all that is.

And so, in amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration
we marvel at this mystery:

In you all things live and move and have being,

In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry;

And so we join with creation

in the eternal song of worship and wonder:

** GATHERING SONGS

Shout to the Lord (W&P 124)

Forever

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers / **All**)

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King;

His love endures forever!

For he is good, he is above all things;

His love endures forever!

Sing praise, sing praise.

(Verse 2 - Music Ministers / **All**)

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,

His love endures forever!

For the life that's been reborn,

His love endures forever!

Sing praise, sing praise,

Sing praise, sing praise.

(Refrain - **All**)

Forever God is faithful,

Forever God is strong,

Forever God is with us,

Forever, forever!

(Verse 3 - Music Ministers / All)
From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever!
And by the grace of God, we will carry on.
His love endures forever!
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.

(Refrain - All)
Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever!



Everyday

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)
What to say, Lord?
It's you who gave me life,
And I can't explain
Just how much you mean to me
Now that you have saved me, Lord.
I give all that I am to you,
That everyday I can
Be a light that shines your name.

(Verse 2 - Music Ministers)
Everyday, Lord,
I'll learn to stand upon your Word,
And I pray that I,
I may come to know you more,
That you would guide me
In every single step I take,
That everyday I can be your
Light unto the world.

(Refrain - All)
Everyday, it's you I'll live for.
Everyday, I'll follow after you.
Everyday, I'll walk with you, my Lord.

(Verse 2 - All)
Everyday, Lord,

**I'll learn to stand upon your Word,
And I pray that I,
I may come to know you more,
That you would guide me
In every single step I take,
That everyday I can be your
Light unto the world.**

(Refrain - All)

**Everyday, it's you I'll live for.
Everyday, I'll follow after you.
Everyday, I'll walk with you, my Lord.**

**Everyday, it's you I'll live for.
Everyday, I'll follow after you.
Everyday, I'll walk with you, my Lord.**

(Bridge - Music Ministers / All)

**It's you I live for everyday,
It's you I live for everyday,
It's you I live for everyday.**

**It's you I live for everyday,
It's you I live for everyday,
It's you I live for everyday.**

**It's you I live for everyday,
It's you I live for everyday,
It's you I live for everyday.**

**It's you I live for everyday,
It's you I live for everyday,
It's you I live for everyday.**

(Final Refrain - All / Music Ministers)

**Everyday, it's you I'll live for.
Everyday, I'll follow after you.
Everyday, I'll walk with you, my Lord.**

**Everyday, it's you I'll live for.
Everyday, I'll follow after you.
Everyday, I'll walk with you -**

Solo:

It's you I live for everyday.

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Cornerstone

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers / **All**)  
My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.**

(Refrain - **All**)  
**Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.**

(Verse 2 - **All**)  
**When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.**

(Refrain - **All**)  
**Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.  
He is Lord, Lord of all.**

**Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.**

(Verse 3 - **All**)  
**When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless stand before the throne.**

## **CONFESSION**

Brothers and sisters, let us confess to the holy and triune God, who lives in perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity:

You have called us to live in your example of perfect love, which demands that we lay down our lives for our friends, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect, and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy; we are anxious and resentful. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you.

Forgive us and restore us, draw us close and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace, may we strive toward gratitude and grace, in the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, by the working of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **FORGIVENESS**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Assistant Minister*

O God of creation, **eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**



# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING

**Job 38:1-11**

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

A reading from the book of Job.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare 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 heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32**

*You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)*

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Some went down to the sea in ships,  
plying their trade in deep waters.**

They beheld the works of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works in the deep.

**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
their souls melted away in their peril.

**They staggered and reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of no avail.**

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.

**You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea.**

Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

A reading from the second book of Corinthians.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*\* GOSPEL**

**Mark 4:35-41**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they

woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **YOUTH MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

*Pr. Jamie Vannoy*

### **\*\* APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **GATHERING OF GIFTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Lift up your heads; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your voices; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your hearts; **we lift them up to God.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

And so we gather at the table. We come from many different places in life. And as we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we just tolerate, but that our differences are indeed a blessing. So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life and faith, you are welcome here - here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember. Remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell: Stories of bread broken and shared to feed a multitude; stories of gathering both enemy and friend together around a common table; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

On a night of both celebration and betrayal Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it; gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so we pray: Lord, bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, and that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another .

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION**

**\*\* TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and always keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

# SENDING

**\*\* BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*\* SENDING HYMN**

*My Life Flows on in Endless Song (ELW 763)*

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

**\*\* DISMISSAL**

*Assistant Minister*

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Created, saved and gifted by God, we seek, serve and share Jesus Christ.**

**Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be-low;

praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

## POSTLUDE

**“W + 2” = Worship Plus Two**  
**Make a commitment to not only worship each week**  
**but also try to find a way to serve in the congregation**  
**and seek out a way to serve our community.**

**YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD**

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

**John the Baptist**  
**Monday, June 24, 2024**

John said, “[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease.” And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus’, just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

**Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530**  
**Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

**Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560**  
**Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as “the teacher of Germany.”

**Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444**  
**Thursday, June 27, 2024**

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril’s interpretation, that Christ’s person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

## **Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202**

**Friday, June 28, 2024**

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

## **Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Saturday, June 29, 2024**

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

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