

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021

8:00 Inside & 10:30 a.m. Outside Worship with Holy Communion



“Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ”

Grace Lutheran Church

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Pastor Dwight Hanson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

P - Presiding Minister A - Assisting minister C - **Congregation**

* - **PLEASE STAND**

PRELUDE: “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” arr. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

C **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*GATHERING HYMN: "This Is My Father's World" (LBW 554)



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ry-where.
Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

***GREETING:**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Let us pray: Sovereign God, even the wind and the waves obey you. Calm the storms of our lives and teach us to listen to you and trust in the power of your Word which is powerful beyond our deepest fears;

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

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

A A reading from Job.

¹The 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. ⁴Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 124

- A ¹If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;
- C **²If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;**
- A ³Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;
- C **⁴Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;**
- A ⁵Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.
- C **⁶Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- A ⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- C **⁸Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

A A reading from 2 Corinthians.

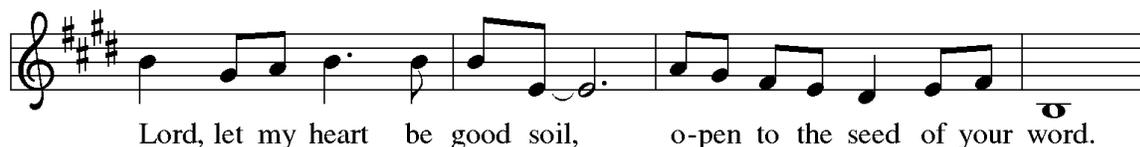
¹Working together with {Christ}, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's 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; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL VERSE: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”**
(WOV 713)



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
 Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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***GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41**

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, {Jesus} said to {the disciples}, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But 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?” ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Have you ever seen an ocean or one of the Great Lakes when a storm is upon it? It’s wild, with big waves rolling across the surface of the water and crashing on the shore. Now, imagine being in a boat out on that water! In the Bible for today, God wants us to think about life using that image. A storm can make us feel very small, while the ocean is very big. But we’re here this morning to remember that God is the biggest of all. Psalm 124 says it this way: *“If the Lord had not been on our side...Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.”* And in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 4, Jesus calls out to the wind and the waves, *“Peace! Be still!”* And they obeyed. God alone gives people peace in their hearts, yours and mine. God gives us fathers, too, so make sure that you think of something nice to do for them. Let’s pray...

SERMON: Pastor Dwight Hanson
Hoisting Opportunity's Sail

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. “The Family Circus” is a long-running cartoon series that tries to capture the humor in family life. It’s amazing how much meaning can tag along with a chuckle. The particular cartoon I have in mind goes back a few years. Dad is in the background in a comfortable recliner. Must be Father’s Day. Head back? Check. Feet up? Check. Newspaper firmly gripped in two hands? Check and check. Although we can’t hear anything, we may assume that the baseball game is on the radio. All in all, t-minus five minutes until a nap. Relaxation is written all over that background scene.

Of course, it’s called the Family *Circus* for a reason. In the foreground of the picture stands a little child holding a baseball, a bat, and a glove. Newspaper-holding, completely relaxed father, meet ball-holding, completely ready-to-play child. Something has to give. Then we read the words in the caption below, “Anytime you’re ready, Daddy, I’ll be sitting outside growing older” (quoted in Holy Humor, Pg. 96). Ouch!

There are *opportunities* that we don’t want to let slip through our hands. Sometimes we may be looking for a nap, but find ourselves in a circus. Or, turning to the Gospel, sometimes we’d like to be relaxing on the shore, but Jesus calls us out into the deep water of real life. It’s there, strangely enough, that the greatest struggles *and* the greatest blessings are found.

It had been a long day. The crowds had gathered to listen to Jesus. So many packed in around him that he had to get into a boat on the Sea of Galilee in order to speak to them without being mobbed. Well, as evening came and tired faces pondered rest, Jesus told the disciples to set sail, make their way to the other side. Really? Yep. The route they took covered several miles. But, since there were seasoned fishermen in the boat, surely nothing bad could happen. These were rugged, tough men who could handle themselves. They had looked white-caps in the eye and laughed. Nonetheless, the Sea of Galilee, like life itself, could be very unpredictable.

Sometimes there’s a good reason for heading out into deep water, despite the danger of darkness and gusty winds and boat-threatening waves. Sometimes storms get us asking *the right kinds of questions*. When

we know that we're in over our heads, whether it be in parenting, or in a time of physical or emotional challenge, or some other life-stress, we suddenly see our need for God's help. And in our need we cry out to the Lord, just as they did in the Gospel for today.

But let's not forget that the lesson in learning their need for God came as a by-product of a journey of opportunity, leaving their recliner behind, so to speak. Whether they knew it or not, they were going somewhere *for a purpose*. Do you remember what happened when the disciples finally arrived on the other side of the Sea of Galilea? They pulled ashore in Gentile territory, outside of their comfort zone. And right on cue arrived a native of that land, a man so troubled that the residents of the region had tried, unsuccessfully, to bind and contain him with shackles and chains. But he wrenched his bonds and broke them, raging all the more across the land, driven by an internal storm. Jesus, alone, could set him free from his torment. And there was a great calm.

Then the Lord told this shockingly peaceful fellow to share his story with family, friends and neighbors, how God had been merciful to him. Jesus touched a life, told him to tell others about it, then got back in the boat. In the darkness Christ lit a candle of faith and told him to shine. And he did.

So, was that stormy, dangerous trip worth the effort? It was. The same could be said of another voyage, so to speak. Christ, the eternal Son of God, existed in Heaven's glory. He embarked on a journey of opportunity, came down, took on flesh and dwelt among sinners who deserved punishment. The whole thing was for us.

Within that larger mission, we have today's episode, releasing the Gentile from torment. Can we measure the amount of good that this free man was able to do in that land across the sea? It's impossible for us to know. But Christ knew, which is why he ordered the disciples across the stormy waters in the dark of night. They didn't have to make that trip. Except that they did—*if* that man was to be free, *and if* his family and friends were to hear his story, including the name of Jesus, *and if* the disciples were to be driven to a deeper understanding of the nature of the person they were following.

I read a description of the Christian Church one time that called it: *God's ship sailing on an ocean of time* (Altar Guild Handbook). The Church has always been on a journey of opportunity. Furthermore, as a wise Christian pointed out during a Bible study years ago, "Ships are safe in the harbor, but that's not what ships are made for" (Chuck Hyde, spoken during a men's breakfast). Are we here for self-preservation and comfort (*where's that recliner*)? Or are we here for God's Kingdom service?

Now, in order to be ready for sailing, we need to be clear about just who's in charge of the ship. Right there in the Gospel, in the center of the storm, Christ rested peacefully. He wasn't worried. Storms come and go. The Church has been battered by waves throughout the centuries. But the Word of God abides. We're still here! Article VII of the Augsburg Confession puts it this way: *Where the Gospel is preached in its purity and where the sacraments are administered according to the Word, there is the church and the unity of it.*

There are bound to be furious squalls on the sea of this world. But God's ship doesn't sink. For Christ is in it. Oh, the earthen vessel of the ship, the boards and beams, need replacing and tending. But the heart of the matter just keeps going, as relationships of faith, hope and love endure despite the raging and roaring of each generation's challenge. Right there, amid the storms of history, even the ones that pound against our own lives, Jesus cries out, "*Peace! Be still!*" And there's a "*great calm.*"

Why are you so afraid? Jesus asks. *Have you still no faith?* These questions, originally posed to the 12, still stand. Does fear conquer faith among us, or is it the opposite?

And yes, we need Sabbath rest on a regular basis. But resting is for the purpose of readiness. God's boat is made for deep water. Occasional docking is necessary, but journeys await. God knows the destination. Maybe into pioneer missionary territory for the Gospel? Maybe God's ship carries you back into your own home to be a better family member? Maybe God prepares all of us to navigate some very rough cultural turbulence? Wherever we're sent, the ship sails under the direction of Jesus Christ.

Today's message reminds us that there are going to be storms that show us how small we are. If those brave, experienced fishermen struggled to handle a patch of water that they knew so well, then one take-away point

is that we're only humans after all. *But*, put a burning faith in the hearts of humans, faith that clings to the one who can calm the storm, and you'd better hoist the mainsail.

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? Some lessons can only be learned by first getting into the boat. Our Captain leads us *through* storms. But there's always a reason, a mission, even if we can't understand it at the moment. Furthermore, *there will come a time* when the ship has served its purpose, and that final, safe, blessed harbor comes into sight at journey's end. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
(LBW 467)**



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.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

***APOSTLES' CREED:**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 CHURCH:

A Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of the vast world, to you be all honor. As we face the storms of life, teach us and inspire us to call out to the Lord Jesus, trusting in his powerful presence. Calm our hearts as you once calmed the sea. May all people understand the importance of being Christ-centered, especially amid suffering. By the power of the Holy Spirit, inspire all of us to hold fast to Jesus, who bore the cross for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We thank you, O God, for the gift of fathers. Amid the challenges of our times, bless the very building block of all human life, the family. Bless young fathers who are just finding their way, seeking to be faithful. Strengthen them and keep them. And for all whose fathers have been commended to your eternal care, may the memories be many and good, according to the grace of Christ. Teach us to look to you, above all, our Heavenly Father. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray for the needs of the world: For civil servants in all branches of government, that they would be blessed with holy wisdom. We pray for all who honorably serve in law enforcement and the military, seeking to keep the peace in harm's way. Protect and keep them, and their families. And guide our nation, that the fruits of the Holy Spirit may grow among us. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A As we pray for healing, we entrust to your care those whom we name at this time: *Sharon Tipton and her family, Shelby Alexander, Bob & Gail Allison, Kelly Coffman, Amanda Dell, Shayla Dell, Claude Dixon, Winston Giordano, Fran Kester, Mary Kiracofe, Glenn Lake, Todd McKee, Mike & Judy Oldham, Brenda Renner, Patty Renner, Steve Rogers, Susan Root, Annabel Schamel, Tom Schamel, Dave Stevenson, Paul Stoffregen, Sharon Tipton, Charla Winter*, as well as those whom we name silently in our hearts (pause for silent prayer). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

C Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OFFERING: (8:00) We go back to the regular gathering of offerings by the Ushers.
(10:30) Offerings will be received in the Offering Box.**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: LBW #565**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1673-1711

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A Merciful Father,
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, 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.

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

**C 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION & BLESSING OF CHILDREN

In Holy Communion our Lord Jesus graciously invites those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to repent of all that separates us from God, and to receive His sacred and real presence for the forgiveness of sins. In addition to wine, grape juice is also offered. Children who do not yet receive Communion may receive a blessing.)

(8:00) Holy communion will be received while kneeling at the Communion rail.

(10:30) Please remain where you are. Holy Communion will be delivered by assistants to you.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Day by Day” (WOV 746)



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my



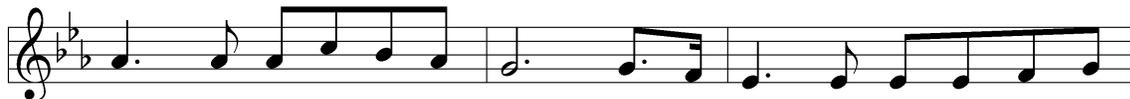
com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will



naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, b. 1936
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
(WOV 731)

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

***BLESSING:**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P Let us pray:

C **Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION:**

P 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. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: “My Life Flows On In Endless Song”
(WOV 781)**



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?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

***DISMISSAL:**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



**KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH CASTLE VACATION B
BIBLE SCHOOL**
All Outdoor (weather permitting)

BEGINS TONIGHT !!!

Sunday, June 20 — Thursday, June 24, 2021
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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**Please register children by filling out form
(on the table in the Narthex or call/contact Tina or
the church)
then place them on the VBS Room door**

Questions? Call or Text Tina Ebright 937.472.5663

An Invitation

To Pastor Dwight Hanson and his congregation.

On Sunday, June 27, starting at 3:00 p.m., Living Water Lutheran Church will have a worship service of dedication for our new Mission Outreach Center.

We would love for your congregation to be with us. Our guest preacher will be Bishop-Emeritus John Bradosky.

Whether you or others in your congregation or districts are able to be with us or not, we would deeply appreciate your prayers that God will inspire and empower us to use this new facility to His glory and for His purposes.

Pastor Mark Daniels

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2021 Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning **June 13** (and continuing through the summer) we will have an **8:00 a.m. indoor** service and the **10:30 a.m. outdoor** service.
(Weather permitting. Otherwise, we'll meet inside)

Remember to bring a chair!

GRACE AT A GLANCE

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

TODAY **June 20, 2021—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:00 a.m. Indoor Worship w/Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship w/Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. **Vacation Bible School**

Monday **June 21—**
 M. Shetter out of office/C. Matevia in Office in a.m.
 Pastor's Day Off
6:00 p.m. Men's Disciple Group (GLC)
6:00 p.m. **Vacation Bible School**
6:30 p.m. Men's Disciple Group (Schamel's)
6:30 p.m. Women's Disciple Group (Grace)

Tuesday **June 22—Homeless Shelter Meal: Nancy Childs**
 M. Shetter out of office/C. Matevia in Office in a.m.
5:00 p.m. TOPS (FH)
6:00 p.m. **Vacation Bible School**

Wednesday **June 23—**
 M. Shetter out of office/C. Matevia in Office in a.m.
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (FH)
6:00 p.m. **Vacation Bible School**

Thursday **June 24**
 M. Shetter out of office/C. Matevia in Office in a.m.
6:00 p.m. **Final Night of Vacation Bible School**
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (FH or Shelter)

Friday **June 25—PRODUCTION DAY**
M. Shetter out of office/C. Matevia in Office in a.m.

Saturday **June 26**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild for June: Sandy Stevenson & Judy Hacker
Offering Counter for June: Wanda Winter

Sunday, June 20, 2021 – Pentecost 4

	8:00 Indoor	10:30 a.m. Outdoor
Greeter:	John Barnes	Dorothy Stoltz
Usher:	John Barnes	John Kiracofe
Lector:	John Barnes	Debbie McKinney
Communion	Wanda Winter,	Dorothy Stoltz
Assistants:	Janice Barnes	Tiffany Ingram

Sunday, June 27, 2021—Pentecost 5

	8:00	10:30
Greeter:	Dave Stevenson	Mark, Debbie & Gene Emrick
Usher:	Dave Stevenson	Jeff Kiracofe
Lector:	Nancy Childs	Barb Myers

Attendance & Stewardship — (\$4,187 needed wkly)

06.13.21	8:00 a.	38	\$7,631.00
	10:30 a.	50	

Flowers in the Chancel this morning are given to the Glory of God.
Darlene Harris in Memory of Versie Fleisch’s birthday.

Great Commission Outreach Partners:

*World Mission Prayer League—Chris & Emily and family, Lutheran
Military Veterans and Families, Allison— Campus Outreach,
Transfiguration Lutheran Mission*

Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund: The purpose of this fund is to extend the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, apart from the general operation of the congregation. To learn more about our Mission Endowment Fund, please contact: Pastor Dave Matevia @ 937-733-6907

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep us updated on prayer needs by calling the office or making a note on the back of your "Attendance & Communion Registration" form. Thank you.

URGENT PRAYER LIST:

Sharon Tipton and her family at the passing of her father, Bill Tipton.

HEALING: (In Alphabetical Order)

Shelby Alexander: (Mother of Brenda Renner)

Bob & Gail Allison: (Son-in-Law and daughter of Judy Newkirk)

Kelly Coffman

Amanda Dell: (Daughter of the Dell's)

Shayla Dell: (Grand-Daughter of Rob & Suzie Dell)

Claude Dixon: (Brother of Suzie Dell)

Winston Giordano: (Brother-in-law of Kelly Coffman)

Fran Kester: (Sister-in-law of Carol Matevia)

Mary Kiracofe

Glenn Lake: (Friend of Elaine Fudge)

Todd McKee

Mike & Judy Oldham: (Friend of Carol Matevia)

Brenda Renner

Patty Renner

Steve Rogers: (Brother of Becky Lenk)

Susan Root: (Daughter of Ruth Hardin)

Annabel Schamel: (Grand-daughter of Mike & Judy)

Tom Schamel: (Son of Mike & Judy)

Dave Stevenson

Paul Stoffregen

Sharon Tipton

Charla Winter

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST ... Teddi Watkins, Ruth & Larry Hardin, Dan Matevia, Katherine Tipton, Ike Renner, Jean-anne Harbin, Jenifer Combs, Jean Bailey, Cary Giordano, Doug Davis, Elsie Burkle, Pastor Dave Matevia, Sandy Haferman, Duane Kester, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Sheryl Deaton, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Joan Larrison, Paula Hilleary, Karen Crosier, Travis Howard, Judy Jay, Bea Breeden, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Bruce Perry, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe

McHenry, Tom Barnes, Mary Geeding, Dorothy Bradley, Phyllis Turner: and those serving in the military: LCpl Hannah Perry; Capt. Love Hartman; Capt. John Kettelman; SPC Brandon Mann; Brad Newkirk; Maj. Justin Shetter; 1st Lt. Nicholas Webb, Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Brandon Leonard.

Opportunities for Prayer and Bible Study:

† **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study between 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. worship.**

† **The Phoebe Women's Small Group Bible Study.** They meet at 7:00 p.m. on the **2nd Monday of each month**. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or email: Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com).

† **The Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall and is currently studying the Old Testament. Contact: Tom Haynes (937-733-7183) or Judy Hacker (456-6823).

These studies are open to any member and our friends. No prior Bible study background is needed. Please bring your Bible.

Peace in the Storm

Find the 33 **bold** words from Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

C E R K S Y S J G A S L E E P
A Q V T F S U N O I H S U C G
L G I E O Y I S T E R N S L P
M L A R N H A O A D W O R C E
L R C W S I T D E L Z Y V T A
R A C I K H N K S E N D M A C
W T R C E O S G C A R E R O E
U E A R H T I A F V F K O B A
P B R E A K I N G I J U T T F
E C Z E R W J L L N C B S N R
E D E J H G O L W G B E D X A
S O I A X C I K E I V R N M I
O T V S S N A K E A N E I Y D
R Q N H G E O E W B K D W K H
A Y E B O W D K T O K L Y B S

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?”

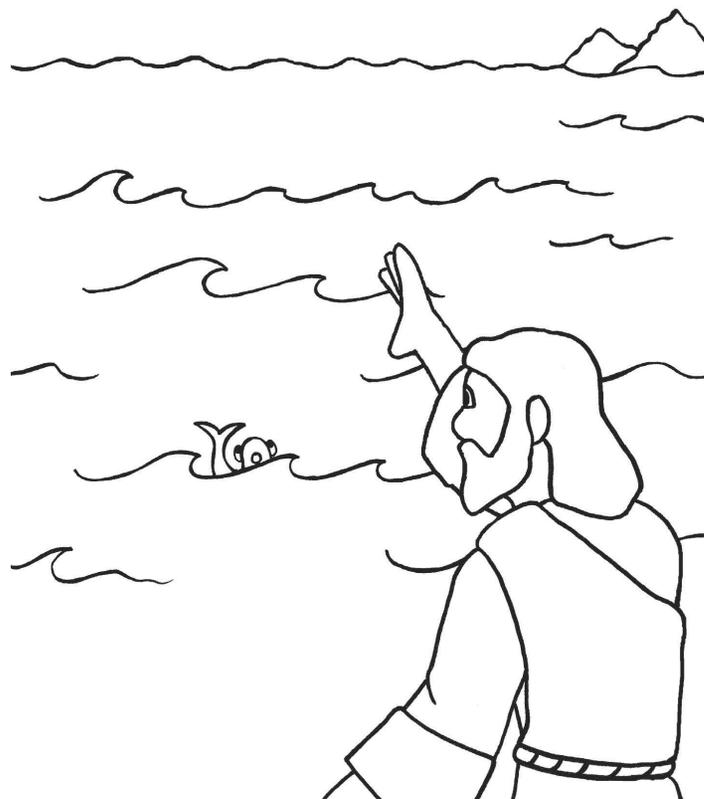
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Today's Gospel Lesson

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 20th, 2021



Jesus told the wind and waves to “be still,”
and they were!

Children's Worship Pages

Storms can be scary,
but with Jesus by our side we have nothing to fear!

Color the picture of Jesus calming the storm,
using the color-by-number chart below.

1 = Blue	2 = Brown	3 = Red	4 = Green	5 = Gray
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“Jesus said to them, “Why are you so afraid?
Have you still no faith?” (Mark 4:40)

Where can you always turn for help when you need it?

To find out, look at the stars in the sky. Cross
out all the stars that have a Z on them.

Write the remaining letters on the lines below.



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who made heaven and earth.” (Psalm 124:8).

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