

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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AS WE GATHER

For all of the Bible's reassurances of how much God loves us, cares for us, protects and guides us, it is, nevertheless, of our fallen, sinful nature that we still at times harbor doubts and even despairingly want to argue with God Himself and question His love and promises. The undying question is "Why?" The troubles, setbacks, trials, tragedies, and reverses in life do that. The Word before us today describes those times with the imagery of the destructive power of raging water and the greater power of God to deliver from threatening distress. Even when threatened with a raging flood, we are reminded that our help is still in the God who created everything. The trials of the otherwise "blameless and upright" man of God named Job (1:1) and the Lord's patient yet commanding love in His answer to Job's complaint should remind us to live our faith in daily repentance yet always still in praise of our saving God.



HYMN No 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!
Oh, 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!

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gaily 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!

What 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

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *2 Corinthians 6:2b; Psalm 124:8*

P: Behold, now is the favorable time;
C: **behold, now is the day of salvation.**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 18:6*

P: "In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help." Let us prepare to receive the Lord's instruction and deliverance this day by recalling our brokenness and sin, begging our Creator and Redeemer for forgiveness and deliverance.

C: **Almighty God, in our weakness we are tempted to complain about our troubles and sufferings. Yet we know all the pains we endure are the result of our own sin and waywardness. Speak now Your promised forgiveness to us. Give us the faith to endure, trusting solely in Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**

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

C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PSALM *Psalm 124*

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—

C: **if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,**

P: then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

C: **then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;**

P: then over us would have gone the raging waters.

C: **Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**

P: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

C: **the snare is broken, and we have escaped!**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

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

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" v. 1 & 2

**Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
Almighty God, amid our questioning of Your designs in the face of our troubles, help us to come to You daily in true repentance. Grant to us true humility of faith and trust in Your everlasting love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:1–11* (God is Creator, you are not!)

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;

L: This is the Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 6:1–13* (Christ’s love compels perseverance through all hardships.)

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Mark 4:41b*

C: **Alleluia, alleluia! Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him? Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

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?* 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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 726 “Evening and Morning”

**Evening and morning,
Sunset and dawning,
Wealth, peace, and gladness,
Comfort in sadness;
These are Thy works
All the glory be Thine!
Times without number,
Awake or in slumber,
Thine eye observes us,
From danger preserves us,
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.**

Father, O, hear me,
Pardon and spare me;
Calm all my terrors,
Blot out my errors
That by your eyes
they may no more be scanned.
Order by goings,
Direct all my doings;
As it may please Thee,
Retain or release me;
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

Ills that still grieve me
Soon are to leave me;
Though billows tower
And winds gain power,
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing,
And peace never ceasing,
These shall I treasure
And share in full measure
When in His throne God grants me a place.

To God in heaven
All praise be given!
Come, let us offer
And gladly proffer
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize,
He well receiveth
A heart that believeth;
Hymns that adore Him
Are precious before Him
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

SERMON

Pastor Mark Winkelman

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLE'S CREED

ALL: 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 after the Creed.)*

OFFERING

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**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P:** Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, You see the chaos and rage of the world unhinged from Your design and guidance. Turn the hearts of tyrants and calm the minds of those lost in error. Raise up and strengthen leaders who know and follow Your will of peace and freedom. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- P:** Give to Your whole church throughout the world the boldness and humility to proclaim Your righteous judgments and Your gracious redemption to all. Give courage to all pastors and teachers in Your church to speak Your Word to a world in need of Your mercy. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- P:** For all Your people here present who wait upon You for forgiveness, instruction, and the courage of faith, be our very present help to trust in Your grace with all our being. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- P:** Hear our petitions for all who are sick; for the homebound in our parish; for any who cry to You for help and healing, [*especially . . .*]; and those who have requested our prayers. From our need and theirs we turn to You: Lord in Your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- P:** We remember all who have gone before us and are with You beyond the troubles of this world. Keep Your heavenly light in our hearts and minds that we may walk in sure and certain hope of our eternal salvation. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- P:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN No. 717 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Christ! The Lord of hill and plain,
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.**

**O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r!
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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