

# Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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## As We Gather

We talk all the time about how much God loves us, cares for us, protects us, and guides us. Even with all those assurances in Scripture our fallen sinful nature still, at times, harbors doubt and even, at times, wants to argue with God and question His love and promises. Why would we do that? Because that is how the setbacks, trials, tragedies, and reversals in life impact us. The Word before us today describes those times with the imagery of the destructive power of a raging storm and the greater power of God to deliver us from threatening distress. Even in the storm, we are reminded that our help is still in the God who created everything. We see it in the trials of the otherwise “blameless and upright” man of God named Job and the Lord’s patient, yet commanding love in His answer to Job’s complaint. This should remind us to live our faith in daily repentance yet always still in praise of our saving God.

## Prelude

## Welcome

Stand

## Opening Hymn

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to Grant us forgiveness.

**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.

*Silence for reflection on God's word and for self-reflection*

**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.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

Psalm 107:29–32; antiphon: v. 28

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
He made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.  
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of men!  
Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

**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.**

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

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

- P** Let us pray.  
 Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Sit

### Old Testament Reading

Job 38:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"

<sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?"

Tell me, if you have understanding.

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

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.


## **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35–41

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

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

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>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?" <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

## Children's Message

### Hymn of The Day

### Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der  
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let  
dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His  
be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -  
noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend  
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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## Sermon

## Peace Be Still

Stand

### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.**

Sit

### Offering

Stand

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor will conclude each petition with "Lord, in Your mercy" and the congregation will respond with "**hear our prayer**".



## 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.

## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.  
**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

Jesus, Lead Thou On

LSB 718



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.  
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.  
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.  
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## Worship Leaders

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Acolyte: Thomas Karl

Reader: Barbara Lewis

Ushers: Team 2

## Ascension News & Notes

Flowers are donated by Pastor Tom and Charlene Albertson in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Ronald McDonald House



Please save the **aluminum pull tabs** from canned drinks and bring them to the kitchen area or the church office.

They are used by the Ronald McDonald House to provide a home away from home for hundreds of families with seriously ill children.



**Donations are needed to support those affected by the fires in New Mexico.**

**Items needed but not limited to : bottled water, sports drinks, snacks, chapstick, foot powder, callus cream, bandanas, work gloves, batteries, flashlights, travel size items, socks, underwear, clothing, boxed and canned foods, toiletries, etc.**

**Please put your donations in the Fellowship Hall.**



## **It's Picnic Time!**

**Join us for the Fellowship Picnic on Sunday  
June 30, 2024, following the service. DON'T  
FORGET TO SIGN UP!**



*CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE ON  
SUMMER BREAK STARTING ON JUNE 30, 2024.*

*REGULAR SCHEDULE WILL RESUME ON  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024, SUNDAY MORNINGS  
FROM 9:00-10:00.*

## **This Week @ Ascension**

### **Sunday (June 23)**

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study  
10:00 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:45 AM Confirmation

### **Monday (June 24)**

**Church Office Closed**

### **Tuesday (June 25)**

6:45 PM Boy Scouts

### **Wednesday (June 26)**

11:00 AM Sit and Sew (FH)

### **Thursday (June 27)**

### **Friday (June 28)**



## **Prayer Ministry      Philippians 4:6-7**

Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request for the bulletin.

If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at [oveja6925@aol.com](mailto:oveja6925@aol.com).

### **Illness and Recovery:**

**Christian Coffman** (grandson of Jan Schlak recovery from hip surgery); **Nicole Raikin** (friend of Pastor Schlak recovery from surgery for removal of a large tumor); **Jim Werner** (brother of Elliott Werner successful treatment of and healing from cancer); **Tom Wade** (father of Kristal Wade for upcoming procedures and surgery and recovery from a broken neck); **Brian Stickney** (recovery from cracked ribs); **Rebekah Livesay** (For healing and correct diagnosis); **Barb Spott** (For recovery); **Susanne Warren** (former member of Ascension recovery from surgery for a broken femur); **Joe Karl** (recovery from ACL surgery); **Dick Seiders** (father of Ron Seiders healing from cancer); **Karl Schosser** (friend of Deb Sullivan back and liver issues); **Jesus Rivera** (friend of Elliott Werner diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma stage 4); **Mary Spott** (Barb Spott's niece Keighley Spott's mother heart related issues); **Jacob Meraz** (pray for Jacob and family); **Ann Perdue** (relief from Osteoarthritis); **Amanda Bowser** (friend of the Walker Family recovery from cancer); **Diana Holguin** (spouse of Tito Holguin ongoing medical issues and recovery from knee surgery); **Donna Welch** (sister of Candice Gebler heart issues); **Sherri Pfeifer Wilson** (niece of Vicki Pfeifer cancer); **Patty Jones**, (sister of Martha Neal-stage 4 breast cancer); **Robert and Karin Gaudet**, (restoring relationships); **Sean Sweeney**, (brain tumor); **Eunice Goldsmith**, (recovery after fall); **Laurie Sterling**, (colon cancer); **Bruce Walker**, (being treated for Parkinson's); **Coby Clark and family**, (continued cancer recovery); **Elizabeth Hinson**, (recovery from brain aneurysm); **Rev. Richard Schlak**, (prostate cancer); **Ryan Walker**, (cancer is in remission); **John Bearman**, (bone marrow transplant); **Mariella Kraus**, (cancer); **Richard Goldsmith**, (heart problems); **Kathy Kiphart**, **John Weiske**, **Bob Gallagher**, **Tony Sullivan**, **Linda Seiders**.



If you have an update to the status of those on our prayer list, please contact Jan Schlak or the church office.