**5th sunday of pentecost, june 8, 2024**

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**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**GATHERING SONG*When Peace like a River*  (ELW 785)**

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.  
  
Refrain  
It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.  
  
2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain  
  
3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain  
  
4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

**announcments**

Welcome to worship on this 5th Sunday of Pentecost, June 23, 2024. It’s been a hot and humid week.

Share a short update from the Synod Convention. We have a new Bishop, Rev Carla Blakely from the Sask Synod is our new bishop. It took 5 rounds of voting and there was a 1 vote difference….99-98 which was exactly 50% +1. Sara Wynot from St. John’s Lutheran Church Mahone Bay is the new Vice Chair. Please keep all of the Synod staff in your prayers as they transition into this time of renewal and change.

The 2025 budget was approved unanimously along with many other motions. Delegate Susan Mills will share a short article on her experience of attneding Assembly in the upcoming Messenger.

**GREETING (ELW p. 213)**

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

**KYRIE (ELW p. 213)**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 213)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 215)**

Let us pray.

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.**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11**

A reading from Job.

*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.*

1The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
 2“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
 3Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
  
 4“Where 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 heavenly beings shouted for joy?  
  
 8“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—  
 9when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
 10and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,  
 11and 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: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

1Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,  
  for God’s mercy endures forever.  
 2**Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim** **that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**  
 3gathering them in from the lands;  
  from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
 23**Some went down to the sea in ships,** **plying their trade in deep waters.**  
 24They beheld the works of the Lord, God’s wonderful works in the deep.  
 25**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,** **which tossed high the waves of the sea.**  
 26They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
  their souls melted away in their peril.  
 27They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.  
 28Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and you delivered them from their distress.  
 29**You stilled the storm to a whisper** **and silenced the waves of the sea.**  
 30Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.  
 31**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love**  
  **and your wonderful works for all people.**  
 32Let 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**

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

*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.*

1As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2For 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! 3We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.  
 11We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. 12There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. 13In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)**

**GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

35When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” 36And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38But 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?” 39He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41And 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.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 217)**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (ELW 773)**

**CREED (ELW p. 105)**

With the whole church, let us profess our faith using the words of the 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 Holy Spirit,** **born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,** **was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\***

**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 INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *A brief silence.*

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. We pray for peace in Gaza, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Afghanistan and the many other countries experiencing war and violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling especially Vivian, Chris, Elizabeth, Zoli, Teresa, Sarah, Gwen, Will, Murray, Cheryl, our members in long term care, Beattie, Evelyn and Rob and those we name either out loud or in the silence of our hearts. . Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**PEACE (ELW p. 217)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERtory*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* (ELW 767)**

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me  
upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me  
from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior,  
and lead the way.  
  
2 Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages,  
are always near.  
Close by your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding,  
in peace I go.  
  
3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen  
my steps toward home,  
then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me  
unto the end.

**OFFERING prayer**

God of the field and forest, sea and sky, You are the giver of all good things.

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, And multiply your graciousness in us,

That the world may be fed with your love, Through Jesus Christ, our savior and lord.

Amen.

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)**

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 221)**

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

**Our Father in heaven,** **hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,** **your will be done,** **on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins** **as we forgive those** **who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial** **and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,** **and the glory are yours,** **now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG*My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (ELW 763)**

1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.  
  
Refrain  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?  
  
2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? Refrain  
  
3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. Refrain  
  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? Refrain

**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)**

Go in peace. Christ is with you, especially in the storms

**Thanks be to God.**

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