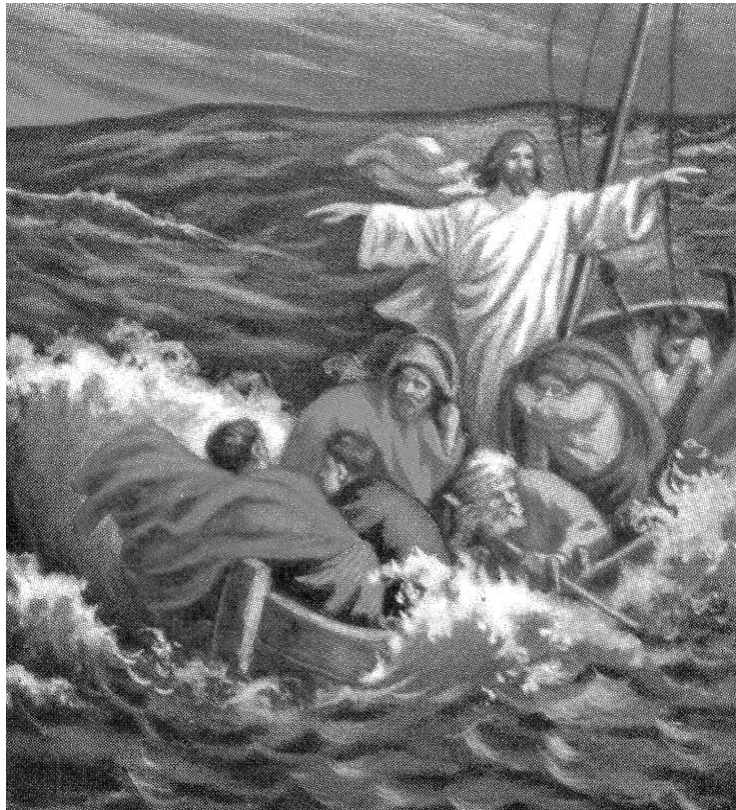


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***Holy Communion Service  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 23, 2024***

## PRELUDE

played by organist

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

WOV [Blue Book] # 781

*“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”*

## 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.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit... the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C God, our provider, **help us and forgive us. We want to challenge your ways when they differ from the ways of the world, and turn to our own understandings rather than trusting in you. We are not always ready to follow your teachings and your will. We repent. Turn us again to you. Share with us your words of mercy, grace, and eternal life. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: we are given the spiritual food of forgiveness. Our Creator continues to give us our daily bread and we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough love. Through the Spirit, + we see and believe in the mercy and abundance of God. We are forgiven and loved into a life with God that has no end.

C **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C** 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.

## **WE HEAR GOD’S HOLY WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **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.*

### **The First Lesson is from Job chapter 38 verses 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.*

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare 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 heavenly beings 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 the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds 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 stopped'?"

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

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

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,  
<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the  
south.  
<sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships,  
plying their trade in deep waters.  
<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works in the deep.  
<sup>25</sup>Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.  
<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
their souls melted away in their peril.  
<sup>27</sup>They staggered and reeled like drunkards,

and all their skill was of no avail.

<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.

<sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea.

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

### **The Second Lesson is from 2 Corinthians chapter 6 verses 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.*

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>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! <sup>3</sup>We are putting 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 have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many

rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.

<sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

**C    Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*(Congregation stands and sings “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” following the Second Reading.)*

### **The Gospel Lesson is from Mark chapter 4 verses 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.*

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>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?" <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>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.

**C    Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

The Rev. Murray D. Finck

“????????????????????”

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

## DUET

Hiroko Minei and Christina Paek

## 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 PEOPLE

**L ... Merciful God,**

**C receive our prayer.**

## OFFERTORY

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P 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.**

**C Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

LBW [Green Book] Page 71

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Christ has set this table with more than enough for us all. The Lord's Table is now ready and all are welcome!

*Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited by the ushers to come forward to receive Communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, Communion will be brought to you in the pew. We believe Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. Anyone with any questions may speak with the Pastor. The inside circle of glasses contains grape juice.)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**C** Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table, wheat and wine, the sacrifice of your body and blood, more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world as you love us. In your name we pray. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** The abundance of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon us now and forever. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 221

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*



## DISMISSAL

**P** Let us go in peace as the children of God and the body of Christ.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**played by organist**

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**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus

**Organist and Choir Director:** Sharon Heck

**Flowers are given by:** *Donna Cho for Rachel.*

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

<b><i>Presider:</i></b>	The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus
<b><i>Organist:</i></b>	Sharon Heck
<b><i>Communion Assistant</i></b>	Carmen Leslie
<b><i>Acolyte</i></b>	Sylvia Makus
<b><i>Reader / Prayer Leader:</i></b>	Kay Pushman
<b><i>Financial Team:</i></b>	Kay Pushman and Doris Weinert

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Bible Study 12:00 Noon

**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

### **Redeemer Finance: June Offering through June 16**

Budgeted Monthly Expense      \$7,308.00

Not available for update

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

**President** Kay Pushman, **Vice-President** Wendy Alfageme,  
**Secretary** Nancy Anderson, **Treasurer** Phyllis Mackey, **Finance**  
**Chair** Doris Weinert

**Members at Large**, Sandy Langdale, Carmen Leslie, Betty Lucero,  
Sylvia Makus, and Michael Vanvales

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Jean, Kathy, Wendy, Beverly, Dena, Nancy, Evelyn, Shirlene, Jerry, Carol, Mickey, Evelyn, Gloria, Christa, Alice, Barbara, Cedric, Lucy, Karen, Kelly, Raymond, Dick, Marilyn, Brian, Carl, Jessica, Carol, Rose, Ken, Sandra, Elaine, Carmen, Barbara, Betty, Nancy, Phyllis, Sylvia, Gil, Flo, Eileen, Erich, Leslie, Linda, Ronnie, Kay, Violet, Linda, Ron, Collette, Lisa, Patty, Barbara, Joan, Dee, Susan, Norma, Lathy, Juanita, Clarence, Debbie, Joan, Anne, Doris, Linda, Bruce, Alma, Martha, Marianne, Robert, Laura, Jim, Loretta, Ray, Patty, Delrie, Bill, Betty, Lorna, M. Teresa, Joan, Mike, Frankie, Donna, Ernie, Eileen, Darlene, Sharon, Danota, Lynne, Ethan, Kurt, Brinly, McCall, Kathy, Nayleen, Nicole, Donald, Maria, Andy, Owen, Tom, Anastasia, Claire, Fran, Chris, Kyle, Michele, Bill, Wes, Sam, Kolt, Maeve, Brigid, Joanna, Dale, Karla, Sands, Gloria, Tom, Rosalia, Wendy, Elaine, and Rachel. Please contact the church to add people to the prayer list.

*Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, (ELCA) and Bishop John Taylor (ECUSA), the victims of the Ukrainian/Russian and Israel/Hamas conflicts, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.*

*Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Announcements

- † Welcome to everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors.
- † Visitors are invited to fill out a card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Everyone is invited down to the Fellowship Hall after Service for coffee, treats, and fellowship (we have tea, too!).
- † Please take a moment and fill out the attendance slip found in the rack in the pews. Please place it in the offertory plate. Thank you!
- † The elevator is now working! Please, to keep it operating, wait for an attendant to assist you in the use of the elevator.
- † Call on Tuesdays, after 5:00 pm, for the Leisure World Bus if you are having issues with it in regards to getting to Church on Sundays. (562) 431-6586 extension 2379.
- † Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, June 26 to continue the study of Jesus' miracles. This week we will study Jesus' Miracle: *Miracle at Bethesda, Crippled for 38 Years*, Chapter 7 of the workbook. The text is John 5:1-15. Bishop Murray Finck will be leading the discussion. Please attend: bring friends, your Bible and book, and your lunch if you wish!
- † Pastor Lisa had an MRI and the results are clear. She is currently waiting for a room at an acute rehab facility for movement specialty. Keep her in your prayers as she waits to continue her recovery.
- † If you are having a little problem with hearing on Sundays, please remember that there are speakers in the ceiling light fixtures so sitting closer to one of those may help.
- † The NEW Flower Chart is available for sign-ups in the entryway. One bouquet is \$15.00. Both are \$30.00. Please include any dedication for your flower request when signing up or include a note beforehand if there is a dedication. If you take the flowers in the plastic holders, please return the holders. We try to reuse them and are currently out of them.

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