

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service.
Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on “silent” during the service.



We are committed to invite and welcome all to Jesus Christ, to equip all with an active faith that works in real life, and together go into the world to serve in Jesus' name.

ORGAN Variations on the tune ‘Old Hundredth’

Denis Bédard

Please stand

HYMN 883 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFSSION and FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, Who forgives all our sin, Whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God, our strength,

C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death’s grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God’s grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: Amen.

APOSTOLIC 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: 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: JOB 38:1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare 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 heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 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! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power

of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in G major (two sharps) and the bottom staff is in C major (no sharps or flats). Both staves begin with a quarter note followed by an eighth note. The lyrics "Al le lu ia," are repeated twice on each staff, with a fermata over the final "ia" on the second staff. The music features various rhythmic patterns including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 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?” 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. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” 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?"

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 794 "Calm to the Waves" (sung three times)

SERMON

Pastor Seth Jersild

ANTHEM

Alfred Fedak

Rise, my song, and stretch your wings, delight and need to trace.

Rise for those the gospel brings to seek a singing place.

This will be our singing day, word and tune with both be true.

Song, soar up, but not away, the falconer waits for you.

Rise, my song, and have no fear of soaring wide and high.

Christ the falconer is near, wherever you may fly.

See the human world below, showing scars and beauty too.

In a closing circle go, the falconer waits for you.

Soar, my song, with wings wide fanned, delight and need to trace.

Come to Christ's uplifted hand, and find a resting place.

One day soaring song shall see everything made whole and new.

Day of gladness, come to be! The falconer waits for you.

--Richard Leach

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

Response:

P: ...Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy.....

...and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a G clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might," followed by a repeat sign and "heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -". The second staff continues with "san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who". The third staff concludes with "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The fourth staff ends with a final note.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

Please follow the instructions from the pastor for distribution.

Believing in the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine of the Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sin, we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.

BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

HYMN 785 "When Peace Like a River"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

FINISHING COMMUNION AT HOME AFTER CHURCH

St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City OH

For your safety and comfort in the next several weeks, we will be distributing pre-packaged communion kits to members during worship for everyone to take home, rather than eating and drinking in the church building.

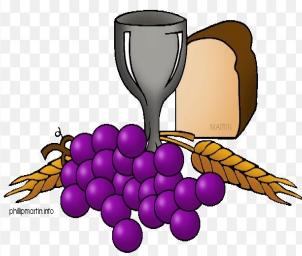
The bread and wine will be consecrated with the Words of Jesus during corporate worship, and will be ready to consume afterwards. However, since it is important to have the words of Jesus fresh in our ears before taking the sacrament, we strongly encourage you to use the following order of service once you get home.

First, unpeel the wafer(s) from the top of the package. Then unseal the juice and place the wafer and juice before you on a table, so that the elements are ready to be consumed.

Then, say the following aloud (or have someone in your group say it for everyone): *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.”*

Now, partake of the wine and bread, trusting that the resurrected Lord Jesus is truly present in the sacrament **for you**, giving you the fullness of his forgiveness, life, and salvation.

After eating and drinking, we suggest saying the following prayer aloud (or have someone in your group say it for everyone): *We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy, you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love for one another. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



JUNE 20, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus listens to and calms our fears.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea
Monday	Job 38:1-11	God's rebuke of Job
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	How Paul served God
Wednesday	Psalm 46:1-11	God is our refuge
Thursday	Genesis 17:15-21	Abraham and Sarah
Friday	Isaiah 41:1-10	Israel's assured of God's help
Saturday	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	God saves those in distress
Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But [Jesus] was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and [the disciples] woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” Mark 4:38 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of wind and seas, help us to trust in your power and steadfast love that we may give you praise and serve our neighbor in love through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Living God, we thank you for this gift of food, a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with awe at the power and love of God.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shepherd Me, O God



taking
faith
home



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.



CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time you were scared.
- When do you think of God more, during good times or bad times? Explain.
- The sea with its awesome views and power is like a parable of how life is filled with both beauty and danger. Where do you see beauty and danger in life? In faith?



DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 4:35-41.

The disciples are beside themselves with fear. The wind is howling; the waves are crashing over their little boat in a large and churning sea. It seemed like the end for them all. They wake up Jesus with a chorus of screaming cries, "Don't you care that we are going to die?" Jesus describes this as an example of having no faith. After noting their serious limitations as disciples, he calms the wind and the sea. At this point in the story, Jesus exits the discussion and the disciples simply marvel at the power of their teacher. This is the scene of the life of faith. It, too, is a kind of parable, the kind that Jesus had just told his followers. A living and real faith is like being on the waters and vacillating between sheer fear and trembling and simple awe. Although the full breadth of faith experiences from disbelief to true adoration is hard to fathom, it is the life we live. Jesus knows this; Jesus accepts this; Jesus leads us from valley lows to mountain highs with the same understanding, love, and saving grace. When have you experienced serious doubts in your faith? When have you experienced the pure joy of being a follower of Jesus?

Pray: Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy that cares for us day and night with power and grace through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.



SERVICE

The disciples were afraid in the stormy, churning sea. The oceans provide food for billions of people. Catching large numbers of fish can be an exhausting and dangerous job. Pray for those who work on the seas including those who fish as well as those who provide security as part of the Coast Guard and Navy.



RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This Sunday is Father's Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about and give thanks for the lives of all men who parent or otherwise care for and protect our children. Conclude by praying: Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for and protect us. We especially give thanks for [names of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 20, 2021

“Peace! Be still!” (Mark 4:39)

The 4th chapter of Mark begins with Jesus preaching a string of parables. We read of the sower crazily scattering seed with some landing on rocky soil, lit lamps hiding under baskets, sowers not knowing how the harvest grows, and a mustard seed growing wildly out of control.

After all this preaching, teaching, and explaining, Jesus became tired and wanted some alone time. He takes a boat trip with his disciples to “the other side.” During the journey, exhausted Jesus falls asleep on a cushion in the stern of the boat. A great wind comes up, tossing the occupants about and causing them to be afraid. Waves were breaking over and spilling into the little boat threatening to sink it. All the while, Jesus is asleep, seemingly unaware of the dire situation.

And that’s when the trouble begins. We hear the cry of the disciples: “Don’t you care that we are drowning?” The disciples’ cry is more honest than even they know. They are human beings and are perishing. Maybe not in this storm, but perhaps in another. Jesus awakens and rebukes the wind and the sea. It’s worth noting that Jesus doesn’t criticize or rebuke the disciples because of their fear. Jesus quiets the wind and waves with a two-fold command: “Peace! Be still!” Simply by speaking, Jesus produces a “great calm.”

All is well once again, that is, except for one more thing that is required. Jesus teaches them by asking a two-fold question, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” Jesus is explaining, “Open your eyes! The world is under the power of the coming kingdom of God.”

Once again, Jesus is teaching in parables. But this parable isn’t a sermon, it’s a storm. The disciples ask themselves, “Who then is this?” With “great fear” they wonder about that question. It’s easy to understand why they are afraid in the storm, but why are they afraid when Jesus teaches them? Do they fear because they’ve just witnessed Jesus perform another miracle? Are they afraid because they realize that it’s a risky thing to go sailing with Jesus? “Even the wind and the sea obey him” is an amazing thing to say about Jesus. We were warned at the opening statement. Jesus is more than just a person, a teacher, a preacher; he is none other than the Son of God.