

St. Matthew-Trinity Lutheran Church

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Divine Worship

June 20, 2021

IV Pentecost

Father's Day

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.



Welcome and Prelude

Gathering Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Apostolic Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Readings and Psalm (*sit*)

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

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.

A reading from Job.

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'?"

Word of God, Word of Life.

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)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good,

for God's mercy en- | dures 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. R**

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.

27**They 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. R**

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! **R**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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.

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

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.

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Gospel Acclamation (*Stand*)

Don't Be Afraid

Don't be a - fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your

fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron - ger and

I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two measures of music with the lyrics 'Don't be a - fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your'. The second system has two measures of music with the lyrics 'fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron - ger and'. The third system has two measures of music with the lyrics 'I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.' The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell

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Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord!

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "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?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Acclamation (*Repeated*)

Meditation *Annual report of the Pastor*

Hymn

When the Storms of Life Are Raging



1 When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me;
 2 In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, stand by me;
 3 In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;
 4 In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, stand by me;
 5 When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, stand by me;



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when the world is toss - ing me like a ship up - on the sea;
 when the hosts of hell as - sail, and my strength be - gins to fail,
 when I do the best I can, and my friends mis - un - der - stand,
 when my foes in battle ar - ray un - der - take to stop my way,
 when my life be - comes a burden, and I'm near - ing chil - ly Jordan,



thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.
 thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, stand by me.
 thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me.
 thou who saved . . . Paul and Si - las, stand by me.
 O thou Lil - y of the Val - ley, stand by me.

Text: Charles A. Tindley, 1851–1933

Music: STAND BY ME, Charles A. Tindley, 1851–1933

Prayers

Joys & Thanksgiving *We give glory to God for the goodness in our lives! Join us in celebrating the below:*

- Those who are graduating in June

- Our friends and family who have recovered from ills and accidents
- Our members celebrating birthdays in June: **Levi** Marsh, **Ken** Nilsen, **Robin** Erichsen, **Mark** Singleton, **James** Neumann, **Judith** Willis, **Jana** Zernant, and **Brody** Till

Concerns Remember in your prayers and with acts of kindness:

- **Patrick** and **Erin** (Melissa Long's family)
- Wisdom and strength for **fathers** and the healing of **families**
- **Kate Harris** (Member who recently moved to Long Island)
- **Members of Emanuel AME Church** Charleston SC on the massacre anniversary
- The **Roof family** of Lexington, SC (friends of Pastor) on the same anniversary
- **Karen & Gene Telker** (Kimberly Telker's parents)
- The family and friends of **Pat** (friend of Leslie Neve)
- **Guy Schwanse** (friend of Irene Murray) diagnosed with cancer
- **Jim Saha** (friend of Leslie Neve) recently diagnosed with cancer
- **Sheila** (friend of Leslie Neve)
- **Dena Calabrese** (friend of Irene Murray)
- **Zoia "Charlie" Foster** (Pastor's niece)
- **Joanne Krayner** (Joel's cousin)

Those in our community lost to COVID-19 and the more than 2,200 in Hudson County, 601,000 deaths in our country, and those who suffer worldwide: Gilberto and Janet Diaz-Granados (friends of pastor), **Francis Ng** (friend of Dan Stoll), **Charles Powers** (friend of the Meusel family), **Rosa Reyes** (funeral by our parish), **Richard Altomare** (friend from our neighborhood), **Barbara Wolfshorndl** (funeral by our parish), **Dawn Ennis** (sister-in-law of Pamela Pater-Ennis), **Arthur Jusu-Davies** (member), **Florence Dombrowsky** (funeral by our parish), **John Lescinsky** (friend of Courtney Kochuba), **Jaime Pombo** (friend of our parish), **Raymond Kandler** (friend of Leslie Neve), **Teresa Zemora** (friend of Beatriz Ocampo), **Dawn Gist** (friend of Dan Stoll), and **Denise Copeland** (member at St. John, JC).

We join together in prayer before God, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "Your mercy endures forever."

A brief silence.

O God of our salvation, we praise you for your continual mercy to the church. Hold the ark of the church in your loving hand, give our leaders

endurance through all manner of hardship, and guide us in the way that we should go. O Lord of our life, receive our prayers:

Your mercy endures forever.

At this time of the summer solstice, we praise you for the magnificence of nature. Hold the cosmos in your loving hand. Inspire us to care for your wonderful works seen in ocean depths, in lakes, in rivers, and in wells. O Star of our night, receive our prayers:

Your mercy endures forever.

We praise you for the good that we receive in this nation. Purge from us prejudice against those who differ from us in any way. On this World Refugee Day, we pray that refugees travel in safety and reach the promise of a better life for their families. O Hope of every nation, receive our prayers:

Your mercy endures forever.

We praise you for gladsome opportunities to travel on rivers, lakes, and seas. Protect all who sail on your waters, and keep coastal dwellers safe from tempests and rising sea levels.

Wondrous Sovereign of the seas, receive our prayers:

Your mercy endures forever.

We praise you for the loving support of fathers to their children. Bless fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, godfathers, and all of each gender who give fatherly care. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot father a child. Wherever children are deprived of fathers, provide responsible and affectionate care. Eternal Father, strong to save, receive our prayers:

Your mercy endures forever.

We praise you for the lessening of the pandemic, and we pray for all around the globe who continue to face the coronavirus. Open wide our hearts to all who suffer. Send healing to any who are sick, especially those we name here before you. . . .

A brief silence.

Rock of ages, receive our prayers:

Your mercy endures forever.

We praise you for yet another Sunday, for another week before us. In all our doings, lead us and guide us, and mercifully accept our personal petitions.

A longer period of silence.

Jesus, Savior, pilot me, and receive my prayers:

Your mercy endures forever.

We praise you for all who died in the faith, especially the Emanuel Nine whose martyrdom we have commemorated this week, and those we name here before you. . . . We ask that at our end you unite us with all saints into your presence.

A brief silence.

O Harbor in every storm, receive our prayers:

Your mercy endures forever.

We praise you for your steadfast love, and we lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6, Luke 11*

Lord remember us in your glory and make us bold to pray...

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.

Announcements

- First Communion, Sunday School, [Offering](#), VBS, Annual Meeting

Benediction

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

+ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



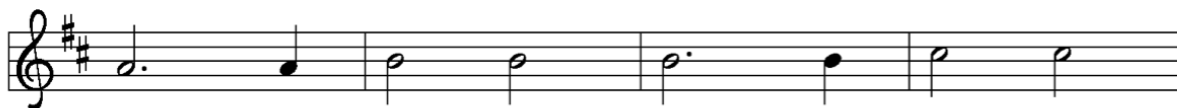
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Serving in Worship

The Rev. Gary C. LeCroy, D.Min. Pastor

Matthew Hummel, Organist

Mark Singleton, Assisting

Rebeka Schleifer, Cantor

Jen Meusel, Lector

Leslie Neve, Usher

Next Week

Stephen Benett of Seafarers International House will be joining us in worship. Please join us as we celebrate this important ministry of the ELCA!

Upcoming Commemorations

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

Monday, June 21, 2021

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured and taken as a slave to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

John the Baptist

Thursday, June 24, 2021

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

Friday, June 25, 2021

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in

which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Friday, June 25, 2021

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

Readings for the Week

Monday (commemoration of Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, 1931) Psalm 65.

Tuesday Exodus 9:13-35.

Wednesday Mark 6:45-52.

Thursday (John the Baptist) Luke 1:57-67 [68-80].

Friday (commemoration of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, 1560) 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.

Saturday Lamentations 2:18-22.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (commemoration of Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, 444) Lamentations 3:22-33 or Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.

Visit [ELCA.org/Lectionary](https://www.elca.org/Lectionary) for a full listing of readings assigned to each day.

Reflection text: Gordon Lathrop. Intercessory Prayer: Gail Ramshaw.

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Annual Meeting Opening Prayer

(based on the writing of Bishop Oscar Romero)

Dear God, it helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

Your realm is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. **Shower us with your grace, O God.**

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. **Shower us with your grace, O God.**

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. **Shower us with your grace, O God.**

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for your grace to enter and do the rest. **Shower us with your grace, O God.**

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. **Shower us with your grace, O God.**

Bless our work during this meeting. Open our eyes to see you at work through those gathered here. Use us to accomplish your purpose. We humbly ask the Holy Spirit to guide us. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.