



The storms of Life

Mark 4:35-41

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

June 24, 2018

10:00 am

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus -- The Word of Christ Bestows Peace

Even in his affliction, Job must be reminded that, as a finite creature, he is in no position to question the Maker of the heavens and the earth. Job's **"words without knowledge"** are unable to penetrate the wisdom of the Lord (Job 38:1–2). For the Lord has **"prescribed limits"** and **"set bars and doors,"** so that **"here shall your proud waves be stayed"** (Job 38:9–11). That's how He humbles us unto repentance. But also by His powerful Word, He calms the **"great windstorm"** and the waves **"breaking into the boat."** He does not permit the chaos of this fallen world to overwhelm us or bring us to despair. By the Word of His Gospel, He speaks **"Peace!"** to us, which bestows the **"great calm"** of His new creation (Mark 4:37–39). Therefore, do not be afraid, and do not receive this grace of God in vain. **"Now is the favorable time,"** and **"now is the day of salvation"** (2 Cor. 6:1–2).

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? **"Prayer Request"** cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

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AS WE GATHER: We are now in the green, growing season of Pentecost with its emphasis on Christian growth. Throughout today's readings we find that God is always aware of His people and their struggles and joys. We can never fall out of God's sight.

His eyes of love are always on us. He sent His Son, the Good Shepherd, to search and find, to live and die for us. Thanks be to God that He is so caring and gracious to His wandering people.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP and BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"* LSB 791

INVOCATION

PSALM 30 selective verses

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"* LSB 700 v.1-2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Job 38:1-11

ESV

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

ESV

GOSPEL ANTHEM *"Alleluia, Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?"* LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

ESV

WE DECLARE THE GREATNESS OF OUR LORD

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* LSB 717

SERMON

"The Other Side"

Mark 4:35-41

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

THE OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

Hopkins

OFFERING of GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *"Through All The Changing Scenes"* Tune: LSB 733

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

June 24 "Jesus, Don't You Care?" (Mark 4:38-41)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
After seeing one of the Savior's miracles the disciples asked, "Who is this Guy?" After Pentecost, they knew Who Jesus was and why He had come. Even so, the world keeps coming up with wrong answers when they ask, "Just Who is this Guy?"

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

July 1 Truly the Worship of God" (Acts 10:34-48)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

When you get out of your religious comfort zone and meet people who don't know Jesus, you have opportunity to grow in faith and witness.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: July 1 "No man, great or small, is a self-made individual. And no nation can make itself great. Nations and individuals depend on both the grace of God and His mysterious purposes in history. If any nation wishes to become great, it must bend to protect the least of its irreplaceable citizens, starting in the womb." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James • www.lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP: July 1 (Proper 8) -- 2 Corinthians 8:3 – "For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will." St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?

Spring Offering -- May/June

The Spring Offering, through the end of June, will benefit **Bethesda Lutheran Communities**. Every day they are making a difference in the lives of people in communities across the country. Bethesda is a Christian organization that provides homes and other services for people with developmental disabilities to help them live the lives they want. Feel free to use your May/June Offering envelopes or another envelope marked as such. Thank you

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

6/24 Sun	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA
6/25 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
6/27 Wed	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
6/29 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
6/30 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
7/01 Sun	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
	Guest Pastor, Alvin Braun
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Morellis

Counters: Morellis

Altar Care: Diane Gade

Attendance: 6/17/2018: 31

Offerings -- Regular \$2,395; Loose Plate \$40; May Mission \$20; Lutheran Witness \$19.70; Bethesda \$30; Rent \$125

Total: \$2,629

Needed each week for 2018: \$3,480.87

Wednesday Bible Study: Next Class – July 11th

Sunday Bible Study: Next class – September 8th

***** Altar Care needed for July! *****

FUNDS STILL NEEDED FOR STREET REPAIR

As a reminder in April 2017, we were assessed \$18,073.72 for this project. Since the work was not completed last summer, our assessment was postponed one year. Church Council has decided to pay the assessment in full to avoid interest charges. If you are interested in contributing toward the street repair fund, please mark your envelope **“Street Repair.”**

Thank you for your help with this payment.

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: 28th Tom Harris and Pat Vogel

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: None

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris,
Robert & Delores Kluwe, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Lynn & Edith Engel (friends of Sandy & Bob Bauer) – Lynn, Cancer and Reconstructive surgery (w/chemo and radiation to follow)

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) hospitalized w/ broken hip

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Doris Rixe, (Nanc's mother) – heart related recovery

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Nancy Tousant (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer

“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know.

Volunteers needed to help seniors with outdoor chores

The Senior Community Services HOME Program is looking for groups of volunteers to help seniors stay in their homes by helping with outdoor chores. Groups of all sizes are welcome, including faith groups, friends, family, neighbors, or sports teams. Kids are welcome. Volunteers must be 7 or older. Volunteers younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Info: seniorcommunity.org or Cat at c.beringer@seniorcommunity.org or 952-767-7894.

Note Worthy: We collected 95 lbs of food for the Salvation Army Food Shelf in May. Please continue to help the less fortunate by filling our grocery cart with non-perishable foods.

2018 LWML District Convention



“Grace Above All”

is the theme of the 27th Biennial MN South District Convention –June 29-30, 2018 at the Verizon Center, Mankato, MN.

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain.” (1 Cor. 15:10a).

This year’s convention, will be Friday and Saturday. The business and decisions of the LWML Minnesota South District must be conducted at the convention. This includes setting the 2018–2020 Mission Goal, choosing the Mission Grants that we will fund, updating Bylaws and electing the officers to serve from 2018 – 2022.

Christian Life Bible studies will be at 7:15am on Friday and Saturday, with the third Bible study Saturday afternoon as part of the convention program. The Communion Service will be Friday evening. Rev. Robert Mundahl, LWML National Senior Counselor, will be Proclaimer. Bible study leader will be Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, Fort Wayne Seminary. Mission Speakers are Rev. Ben Griffin, Executive Director of LINC Twin Cities, and Rev. Ryan McDermott, Area Facilitator for Deaf Ministry - West and Central Africa.

Visit <https://www.mnslwml.org/events/convention> for registration forms or ask Pastor for one.

2018 Salo Park Summer Concert Series

Thursday evenings, 7 pm

June 28: The Backyard Band

July 5: Cornbread Harris and Friends

July 12: Jazz on the Prairie Big Band

July 19: The Fabulous Fairlanes

July 26: Ecuador Manta

August 2: Brio Brass

August 9: Everett Smithson Band, Music of the Mississippi

The Amphitheater is located on 39th Ave. NE between Silver Lake Road and Stinson Boulevard, in St. Anthony Village. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road.

Info: saloparkconcertseries.com.



Greetings from Kayla

My first three months here have gone by so quickly! Our Easter retreat went really well, so thank you for your prayers. We also had a new member join in April, and several individuals are taking catechism classes to become members.

Join me in giving thanks for the following blessings: I loved my first big project: organizing and redesigning our worship/office space. Now our church has more storage space, work space and internet, and standing tables to encourage chatting and fellowship. I pray God would use the space for His glory, that it would serve our members well, and welcome in the community.

Upcoming Projects: I'm really excited to have started what I consider to be my big project and main responsibility here in Spain: marketing research. I'm currently talking with members on the phone to get a general idea of their experiences with our church and how we can better serve them and the community. The next step will be to create a survey for our members to fill out. After collecting and analyzing that data I'll be able to come up with an extensive marketing plan for our church which will include ideas and recommendations for members, outreach, and church publicity. Please pray for me and my team as we begin to focus on being church here in Spain. Follow me on Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates and a peek at my daily life here in Seville. Email me to collaborate on creative partnership ideas.

Catechesis Note for the Week

Paradoxes of the Christian Faith (part 3)

A Paradox is defined as a seemingly self-contradictory declaration but is in fact true. To some, such biblical paradoxes may seem somewhat ridiculous and yet such are the very words of God which were written for our admonition and learning. In today's notes we look into three of the great Bible paradoxes that are truly amazing.

FREEDOM THROUGH SERVITUDE – *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.* (Rom. 6:18) Men think they are free since they are outside prison cells. The truth is there's another form of imprisonment & bondage which is spiritual & moral in nature. Many are enslaved by fear, doubt, hatred, vices, and sin that add to life's hardship. Friend, if today you are enslaved by sin & doubt, you can be free in Christ! Only in personally knowing

GAINING THROUGH LOSING - *But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ* (Phil. 3:7-8) Materialism and love of money have always been the greatest hindrances to a personal living relationship with the Lord. People who are materialistic never have any thoughts of sacrificing & offering anything for Him who died & gave Himself for them. After receiving Christ as Lord & Savior, we need to accept the fact that we are to live a life of service and sacrifice for Him. Only then can we be truly satisfied. You can gain the whole world but lose your own soul (Mark 8:36; 10:29-30) or like Paul you can lose earthly opportunities but gain Christ & lay up treasure in heaven!

FINDING THROUGH LOSING - *Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.* (Matt. 10:39) People try to find the meaning of life in earthly pursuits, in trying to succeed & prosper, & in trying to enjoy their material possessions – only to find out too late that nothing on earth really satisfies the soul. Friend, without Jesus... life is meaningless for Jesus is the very essence of life. He is everything that your poor lost soul has ever longed for. Jesus will still be Lord and King even without you, but friend you are NOTHING without Jesus!

Today's Scripture Readings

JOB 38:1-11: After losing all his material possessions, wealth, wife, family and then his health, Job, while heroically hanging on to his faith, finally exhausted all his mental and spiritual depths trying to find a meaning for his suffering. In the end he got to the stage where he virtually challenged God to give account. This reading shows God turning up, so to speak, in the terrifying guise of a whirlwind. His answer shows how little knowledge Job could really have of the way in which God could firstly create and, secondly, order the whole cosmos. It is the limitation of our insight which often prevents us from seeing God's purposes and plans through the darkness of our troubles.

PSALM 30: David gives thanks to the LORD. This is one of the songs of thanksgiving in which the pray-er rejoices and gives thanks for having been delivered by God out of distress. These psalms are the other side of the coin of the laments, reporting God's gracious response to the petitions in time of need.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13: St Paul had been a victim of a smear campaign by some power-brokers in the Corinthians congregation who were out to discredit him by constant criticism. He clearly showed in the previous chapter how God Himself had brought about reconciliation between Himself and rebellious humanity through the cross. Paul urges them not to permit this wondrous gift of God to lie idle in their lives. Their salvation is a present reality of which they should take the greatest advantage. Paul himself had survived a formidable array of obstacles to His ministry in order to serve them with the gospel. He therefore urges them to open their hearts to permit meaningful reconciliation to take place between themselves and Him.

MARK 5:35-41: Mark relates in this account how Jesus as a fully human being could be so overcome by weariness from His ministry that He fell asleep in exhaustion. This caused the disciples to accuse Him of indifference to their danger. His response, simply to command successfully a totally terrifying life-threatening phenomenon of nature to desist, left them with such a sense of awe that they worshipped Him! The teaching of Jesus' fully divine nature is often emphasized by the gospel writers.

Lessons for the 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43