

## **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 23, 2024**

**PRELUDE**     *We Praise Thee, O God Our Redeemer” (ELW 870) - Hymn Piano Instrumental*

**GREETING, WORDS OF WELCOME and LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**GATHERING SONG**

Evening and Morning    ELW 761

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.*

<sup>1</sup>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?’”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY**    (*read responsively by whole verse*)    Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

<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!

**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.*

<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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted ACS 975

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO:** Mark 4:35-41

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Calm to the Waves ELW 794

## **THE CREED**

Words of Affirmation and Commitment (*Iona Abbey Worship Book, p. 110 (Wild Goose Publications, 2001)*)

**We believe in a bright and amazing God, who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendour and majesty; who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear white light, twinkling stars, and sharp colours, over and over again.**

**We believe that Jesus is the light of the world; that God believes in us, and trusts us, even though we make the same mistakes over and over again.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to the Maker's business in the world. God said: Let there be light. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God ... **Help us to be brave like the bear.**

## **THE PEACE**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW pages 107 and 67 (VII)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

ELW 756

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

*(Please place your offering in the plate prior to Holy Communion. Thank you.)*

## **THE BENEDICTION and SENDING HYMN**

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me ELW 767

## **SENDING**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**