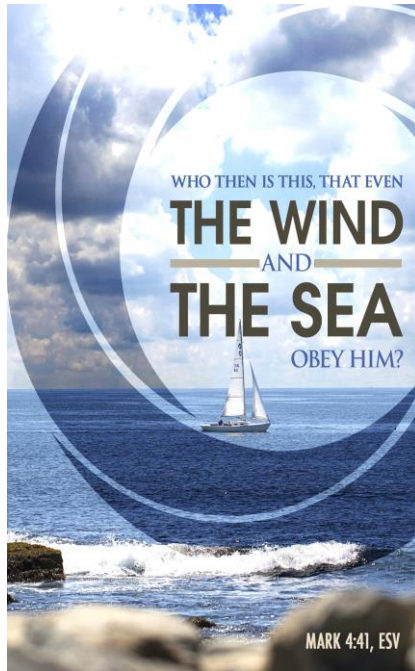


FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER
A Weather Wonder – Jesus Calms a
Storm
April 28, 2024
8:00 am



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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Mark 4:35–41. “Peace! Be still!” (v. 39). With this simple command, Jesus proclaims His power over a storm strong enough to shake even these experienced fishermen. With the disciples, we must ask, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?” (v. 41). Jesus is making it clear that He, who was present at creation, is Lord over all, including the wind and the waves.

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

- 1 Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: He made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

People: Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our

knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 124 Antiphon verse 8

Pastor: If the Lord had not been on our side - let Israel say - if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us

People: They would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us;

Pastor: The flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,

People: The raging waters would have swept us away.

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord,

People: Who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

Pastor: We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare;

People: The snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: The Maker of heaven and earth

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **The Maker of heaven and earth**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People (sing): Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices

1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!

For God my Savior Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord! With praise and blessing,
Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His mercy surely Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!

The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!

Oppression halted; The meek exalted.

Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy—

O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

Here is the token All that was spoken

To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling—

O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: O God, You show Your divine power by commanding even the wind and the seas, watching out always for our blessing and benefit. Suppress the darkness and turmoil in our hearts and minds, grant us wisdom by the command of Your Word, and lead us finally to the life without fear. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children's Bible Reading: Page 276

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE

People (Sing): Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

People (Sing): Glory to You, O Lord.

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Reader: This Is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: LSB 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure
(verses 1-3, 6)

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask beside Thee.

- 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

- 3 Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

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THE SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING HYMN: LSB 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
(verses 1-3, 8)

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 802

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life Thou givest—to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish—but naught changes Thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

SEND OFF

Pastor: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,
strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!