

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 7

Who Is This?

Father's Day

Celebrating Christian Fathers Who Walk
Faithfully With God ~Proverbs 3:5-6~

June 20, 2021



AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands the wind and the sea to become calm, which understandably stuns the disciples. "Who is this?" they wonder. The other Readings today reaffirm that we know that Jesus is one person of the Holy Trinity. The Creator puts creature Job in his place. We also ought to remember with whom we are dealing when we request or complain. Paul encourages his readers, then and now, to put their circumstances into the context of the whole Church. Our situations do not define us! Sure of God's care and emboldened by the strength He provides, we are called to live out our faith confidently. We know who this is: He is Jesus, our Savior. There is an immediacy in today's Epistle. The Church was not looked upon kindly by Jewish believers or the Roman Empire in Paul's day. So, he asks his readers, then and now, to not consider how others might evaluate them, but to focus on the spiritual reality that lies beneath. Then they might see the current moment as another day of salvation. He hopes that this will widen their hearts, that is, move them to let their faith be shown in greater loving actions. The other Readings remind us that the God we have come to trust is the One who created all things and is one with our Lord, who remained in control of His creation even as He was determined to die within it for our sakes.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION:

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today, strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. This we pray, In Jesus' name. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED:

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you confess the same belief, we invite you to our fellowship of the Lord’s Supper.

CALL TO WORSHIP: In the midst of life’s storms, God is there. What have we to fear? In the darkness and terror, God is with us. Of whom shall we be afraid? Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved. Come, sing praises to God! Rejoice in his presence! For he is our God: A Father to the fatherless, and the defender of all who need protection; the One in whom the lonely find a home, and the prisoner finds release. We are glad that you have come to the Lord’s house today to be fed and strengthened by God’s holy Word. Let’s Worship together!

HYMN “Lift Every Voice And Sing” TFBF 296 Sts. 1 & 3

1 Lift ev’ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list’ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Creator of all things.

Leader: The Lord asked Job, “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.”

People: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: In the name of the ✠ Son, Lord of all creation.

Leader: Jesus said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit, who graciously bestows faith.

Leader: We appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *2 Corinthians 6:2, 4, 12*

Pastor: But then Paul writes, “Now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

People: **Open our hearts, Lord of all creation, to recognize the forgiveness You won for us, the protection You afford each day, and the strength You provide that we may share Your love.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus, whom wind and sea and all creation obey, has taken away the sins of the world. Because of His sacrifice for you within His own creation, today is indeed the day of salvation. Today He tells you also, “Peace! Be still!” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

WELCOME **Mrs. Elvina Peterson**

SCRIPTURE READING ON THE THEME **Mrs. Linda Quaites**

PRAYER OF THE DAY **Mrs. Daisy Allen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:1–11* (God puts creature Job in his place.)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SELECTION

Minister Terry Dale

FATHER'S DAY POEM Mrs. Molly J. Allen

GRADUAL *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
People: **and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Leader: On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
People: **and I will declare Your greatness.**

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 6:1–13* (No matter the circumstances, now is the day of salvation.)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Mark 4:41b*

Leader: Alleluia. Who then is this,
People: **that even wind and sea obey Him? Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:35–41* (Jesus amazes the disciples by stilling the storm.)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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SERMON

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(We Bring Our Tithes & Offering To The Lord)

CATECHISM

Explanation of the Third Article

Pastor: Now is the day of salvation because the Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts, and we are ready to hear the Gospel. Let us confess the work of the Spirit in the explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.

People: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

For all people who are trying to commend themselves this day in spite of various afflictions, hardships, or calamities, that God would strengthen and guide first responders, medical personnel, and support agencies until health, prosperity, and calm are restored, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: For all people who are enduring beatings, imprisonments, or riots, that God would give wisdom to political officials, protection to military leaders, and guidance to authorities to work for peace, protection, and justice, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: For all who feel trapped by harsh labor, sleepless nights, or hunger, that God would surround them with caring people to provide the social, emotional, and physical relief they so desperately need, and for those

near and dear to us, [*especially* . . .], that God would give them health, joy, and peace, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: That the Church around the world would use the purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, and genuine love God provides to spread the news of forgiveness and salvation today and always, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: That we would realize both the power and the love of God seen in the person of Christ, our Lord, and that now, in this day of salvation, He would help us widen our hearts to be part of His answer to these petitions, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: That God would bless and guide all fathers as they seek to provide love and support for their families, let us sing "Our Father, by Whose Name."

Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the

grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (TLH 250 ST. 1&4)

1. Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heaven above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

4. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee; Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank You Lord” (TFBF 293 Sts. 1&2)

Thank you, Lord, thank you Lord, thank you Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.

Been so good, been so good, been so good, been so good, I just want to thank You, Lord.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF OUR FATHERS

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who made us; the Son, who saved us; and the Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts—be upon you, this day and always.

People: **Amen.**

SELECTION

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Seek his
will in all
you do

PROVERBS 3:6