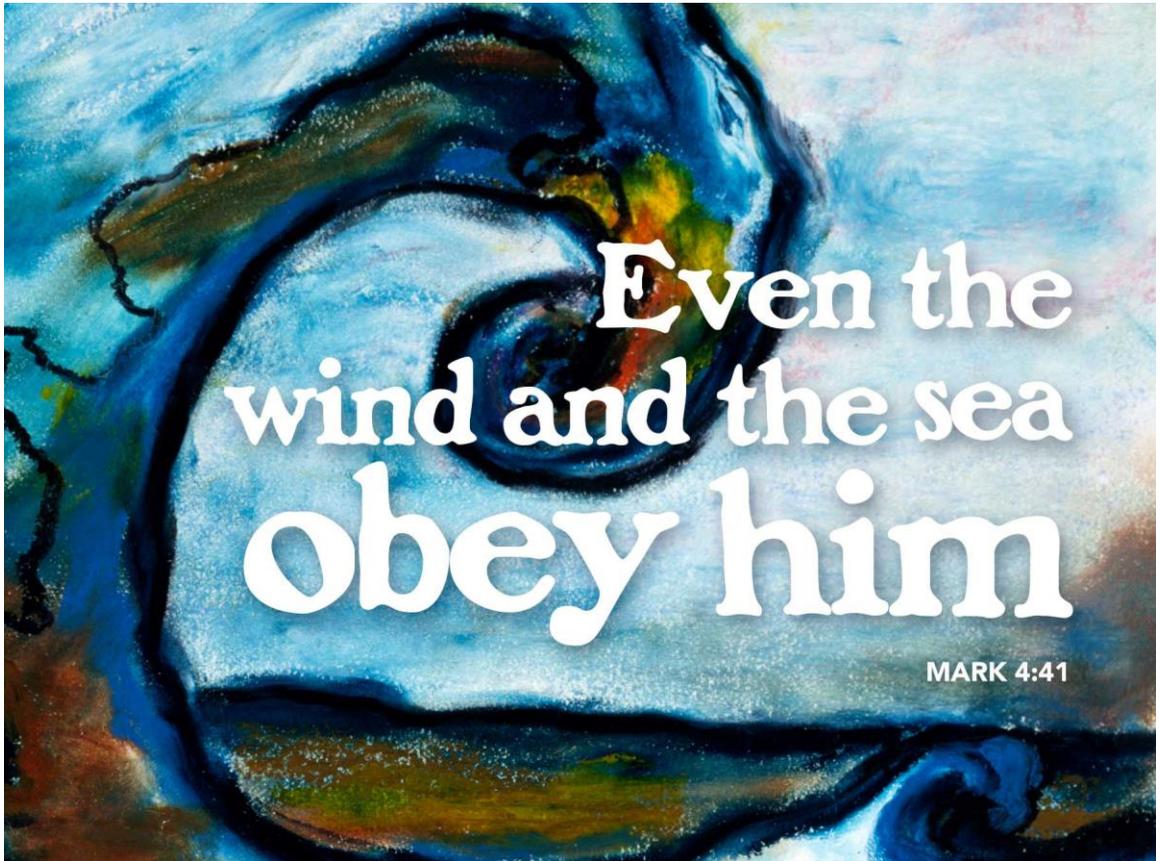


Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Even the
wind and the sea
obey him

MARK 4:41

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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GREETING

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²*"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?*

³*Gird up your loins like a man,*

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴*"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?*

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵*Who determined its measurements—surely you know!*

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶*On what were its bases sunk,*

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷*when the morning stars sang together*

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give 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.**
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.
²⁷They 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.**
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!

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.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

²For 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! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But 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?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And 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 *When Peace like a River: It Is Well with My Soul* **ELW 785**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Empowering God, you call your church to boldly proclaim your day of salvation. Bring unity to the faithful and provide opportunities for collaboration as we bring your good news to the world. Let the youth of our churches hear your love for them as they gather in Houston this coming week. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, you call forth life from the swirling waters of chaos, and you pour out water that nourishes the earth. Send forth ample rain for crops to flourish. Speak peace wherever homes, towns, businesses, and lands are damaged by hurricanes, floods, and tropical storms. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Powerful God, come to the aid of all nations and leaders who fear storms of conflict, violence, or injustice. Raise up advocates and peacemakers to speak truth and hope into the world. Empower organizations and ministries that serve the poor, especially Food for the Poor. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Saving God, grant endurance and comfort to all who suffer affliction, hardship, hunger, violence, or sleepless nights of pain or anxiety. Give your promise of healing to all who long for salvation, especially those on our prayer list, and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Covenant God, you call us by name and claim us as your own. Be with all youth, adult leaders, staff, and volunteers at the ELCA Youth Gathering. Guide, encourage, and protect them as they travel, worship, learn, and serve. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for all the saints who have commended themselves to you in every way and who have endured in faith, especially John the Baptist. Bring us at last to the acceptable time of salvation for all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING & SENDING OF YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Earth and All Stars!*

ELW 731

DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

We welcome Pastor Kurt Hutchens who will be speaking to us on behalf of Food for the Poor. See the bulletin insert for information on how you can help.

Sunday we send our youth off to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. They have worked very hard to raise funds over the past year and thank the congregation for all the support that made this trip a reality. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they travel, worship and serve in Texas.

The Ladies Outreach Luncheon for July will be on Wednesday, July 11, travelling to *Catch 22 Bistro* in Algonac. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:15 am. Sign up in the lobby if you would like to attend.

The Attic Angels committee has begun the annual clothing drive. Clothing can be brought to the church basement and placed on the tables. All items must be clean and in wearable condition. The clothing will be distributed to both Lutheran Social Services (Samaritas) and Kids in Distress.

The deadline for the July/August newsletter is June 24.

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Lou Wegmeyer; Ushers: Chuck Butler & Mike Morenko; Scripture Reader: Nancy Green; Projectionist: Chris Jebrael.

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 12, Sunday 84

BIRTHDAY: 6/23 Mary Rose 90 years

ANNIVERSARIES: 6/24 Jessica & John Jones 12 years

6/25 Jennifer & John MacDonald 52 years

IN NEED OF PRAYER Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Dick Guyott, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Suzanne Morris, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Patty Armstrong, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Marlene Eisen, Tom Bodany, Don Schroeder, Fred & Wendy Morris, Patricia Jones, Janice Benson-Peters, Tom Peters, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer.

(Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Attic Angels 9 am Youth Gathering Trip	Pastor's day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm	Worship, Communion 9:30 am

Vacation Bible School July 9-11, 6:00 pm -8:30 pm

We're planning an exciting VBS adventure at St. Peter's. "Ocean Commotion" VBS is for everyone between the ages of 4 up to 5th grade. (Children under age 4 are welcome but will need to be accompanied by a parent.) As we welcome kids to "Ocean Commotion" they will learn how to trust, obey, and stand for God with exciting lessons from the life of Noah and the Flood. There will be cool crafts, fun games, and yummy snacks. For more information or to register, visit the church office or call Tamara Howes at 810-278-0995.

