

keep if they perish! How kind of Jesus to put up with us! How gracious of him to wait with his help until we have learned that the only ultimate help is from him, a lesson we would never learn without suffering, without the brink of disaster or despair from time to time. Hold fast to the promise that Jesus will not leave us or forsake, not even in death!

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ 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?”

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Hymn of the Day: 384 By Grace I’m Saved

Sermon: Calm in the Storm

Offering: (Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)

Distribution Hymn: 740 Draw Near

Benediction:

Closing Hymn: 745 May the Peace of God

Ushers: This Week – Jake Horta & Alex Ellifson
Next Week – Tyler Danielson & Tim Walsh

Greeters: This Week – Sharon Waldman
Next Week – Dave & Andrea Stewart

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St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost – June 24th & 25th, 2018



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We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: New Service Setting

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Opening Hymn: 230 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Prayer of the Day:

M: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Job 38:1-11

In the storms of life we are tempted to take God to court, to call him to account. That's what the disciples were doing in the gospel lesson and that's what Job wanted to do, too. On the contrary, in the storms of life it is God who is calling us to account: Will we trust his Word and promise or our own reason, will, emotions, and the outward evidence that all is lost? Or will faith remain a dead abstraction, cut off from the promises of God in the life we live in the veil of tears, in diesem rechten Jammerthal. Have you heard people say: "Since God permitted thus and such to happen, I don't believe in him anymore." How foolish and perverse! As though God owed us an explanation for anything that he sees fit to do or permit! Such explanation as there is, is found in his Word which bids us trust him in weal and woe. His Word he will always keep. In due course he will make his purposes clear, often in this life, but perfectly in heaven.

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: ²"Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? ³Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— ⁷while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸"Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'?"

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 46 p. 84

Second Lesson - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Do you want a perfect example of evidence that contradicts the evident? Here it is: All the evidence of conscience says that I should be damned; all the evidence of nature, given that everything ends in death, suggests that life is under the curse of futility; all the evidence of my own personal life argues that fate and luck are whimsical and I am but a hapless victim of both. But the reality is this: God in his own inscrutable grace and wisdom has rescued my life here from vanity and my life hereafter from a curse; he has given his only begotten Son the opposite of what he deserved, so that he would give me the opposite of what I deserve. Can you think of a better reason to trust his wisdom, love, and grace, even in the darkest hours? Confession embraces also my doubts and fears of the evidence within; absolution covers all of that and bids me trust him and his Word in spite of the evidence.

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6 cf. NIV)

Gospel - Mark 4:35-41

What a magnificent mirror of the mix of fleshly unbelief and childlike trust that describes us so often in our lives! On the one hand the disciples have heard his words of love and grace and have believed them; they even trust that he is perfectly able to help. But in their distress, having tried to do everything on their own first, they can't imagine that he would keep his Word to them. He promised that they would be fishers of men—an impossible promise for him to