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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
ELW Setting 5

*As you enter the sanctuary, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship during the organ prelude and leave worship in the spirit of joyful fellowship.*

**Prelude**

Jesus Still Lead On

Robert Elmore

**Call and Response:**

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?**

'Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,

**Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,**

Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

**Strength is turning a cheek,**

**Strength is loving an enemy.**

We come to worship God,

**God who redefines our vision of strength.'** (Katherine Hawker)

Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

**Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



<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.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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### **Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

*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 our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

#755

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We especially pray for our members Rolland, Walli, Gloria and Gene, and Merl. We pray for our friends Denise, Bill, Dawn, Stephani, Karla, Orin, Danielle, Krista, Betty, Meghan, Robert, Matt, and Kim and Jill. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you all: **And also with you!**

## MEAL

**Offertory**

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Paul Manz

**Offering Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

*Congregation sings*

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## Eucharistic Prayer

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## Distribution of Communion

### Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

### Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, **+** be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

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

Closing Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past #632

Postlude Postlude on "Old Hundredth" Paul Manz

### Worship Leaders today:

Steve Gustafson Organist  
Kirsten Bruce Liturgist  
Cindy Daniels Lector

### Worship Leaders next week:

Steve Gustafson Organist  
Pari Ford Liturgist  
Gretchen Norland Lector

Messiah Lutheran Church	5/31/2021		
	Actual	Actual	Budget
	May-21	Jan - May	Jan - May
Revenue	7,319.34	70,122.08	60,483.31
Expenses	<u>12,972.55</u>	<u>60,349.41</u>	<u>66,868.69</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(5,263.21)</u>	<u>9,772.67</u>	<u>(6,385.38)</u>
Reserve Balance	<u>90,439.30</u>		

## Members, Friends, and Family for Whom We Pray

### Members of Messiah:

Rolland Christenson, Walli Ellis, Gloria and Gene Holdsworth, Merl Hilt, and the families of Donna Forsberg and Betty Peterson

### Friends of Messiah

Donna Stejksal	Daniels' friend	Karla Goewert	Friend of Kirsten Bruce
Denise	Pari Ford's mother	Orin Shogren	Har's brother
Bill Stephenson	Joy Janis's brother	Danielle	Robbie Peterson's
Dawn	Sharon Hoffman's	VanDeVyvere	granddaughter
	Daughter	Krista Bahler	Betty Peterson's Niece
Stephani White	Betty Holcombe's	Betty Finney	Sharon Hoffman's friend
	daughter	Meghan	John & Margaret Presley's
Robert Ahlstedt	Earl Ahlstedt's	Presley	Daughter
	Brother	Matt Forrester	Pastor Amy's brother

Kim and Jill Hett

### Serving the U.S.A.

Alex Klapp	Betty Russin's grandson	Vicki Charboneau	Elaine Eller's granddaughter
Ben Youngquist	S Hoffman's nephew	Jeremy Guy	Hensley's son-in-law
T.J. Paulsen	Barb Malm's child		
Daniel & Miranda Norland	Randy/Gretchen's son & wife		

### Serving the U.S.A. Overseas

Luke Hammontree Daniel's grandson

### Seminary

Kaylie Ines

### Wider Church by Jeanne Ahlers

Since the pandemic began, Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT) has been supporting the communities most vulnerable to COVID-19, including migrant workers and women-headed household. They operate an urban homeless shelter and distribute hygiene kits and food packages and provide livelihood training and food-for-work opportunities to people who have lost their job because of the pandemic. They also support the transgender community.

An example of this community is Tara, a dancer, whose family refused to support her and whose brother abused her in public. Now 30, Tara came out as transgender at the age of 8. Feeling unsafe in her home, where only her mother showed love and acceptance, she left her

family and found a sense of belonging in a transgender community in Cuttack, where she felt safe.

Cuttack is the home of the Bali Jatra Festival, a popular trade fair and market. But even before the COVID-19 pandemic, it was sometimes a struggle for Tara to obtain enough food. In March 2020, India went under lockdown and getting food and other necessities became even more difficult, with some shops closing, and no more festivals and performances where she could dance and earn an income. Nonprofit organizations reached out to vulnerable communities and supplied them with cash and food, but the transgender community was overlooked.

LWSIT received a COVID-19 response from Lutheran Disaster Response, with which it supported marginalized populations such as the transgender community in Cuttack. It's just one of many organizations and companion churches around the world that provide holistic support to vulnerable communities during the present crisis. Lutheran Disaster Response is following Christ's call to share hope and healing.

## **Announcements**

Vic and Kay Streufert ask you to join them in praise and thanks to God for His gracious gift of so many years together. They celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on June 17.

Thank you to everyone who helped with and/or attended the **KICK** cookout fundraiser for the Hett Family. Together we raised a total of \$1968! July 11th is pool night at Riverside Park from 5:30 to 9:30 pm with lessons and camp songs, Stuga subs and more. Private swim for the first 100. August 15th is a back to school bash with inflatables at Swensson Park from 5 to 7:30 pm. There will be Bible lessons, camp songs, pulled pork bbq and more.

The **Church Treasure Sale** will be held on Sat. June 26th from 7:30am-12:30pm. We are needing volunteers to set up on Friday evening, to help with the sale on Saturday morning and for clean up on Saturday afternoon. If you are interested in helping please contact Andrea Ring. Donations can be brought to the church between now and the sale during office hours. We will also have a drop off time on Friday, June 25th from 5-7pm. If you have large items to donate you are encouraged to bring them on this date. We can not accept donations of TVs, microwaves, mattresses, large appliances, cribs or infant seats.

For **Hyllningsfest** Messiah has been asked to donate 60 loaves of rye bread. We will have a sign-up sheet available in September.

**JUNE 20, 2021**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**



*Jesus listens to and calms our fears.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 4:35-41</b>	<b>Jesus calms the sea</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Job 38:1-11</b>	<b>God's rebuke of Job</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</b>	<b>How Paul served God</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalms 46:1-11</b>	<b>God is our refuge</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Genesis 17:15-21</b>	<b>Abraham and Sarah</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Isaiah 41:1-10</b>	<b>Israel's assured of God's help</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32</b>	<b>God saves those in distress</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 5:21-43</b>	<b>Jesus heals and raises to life</b>

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But [Jesus] was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and [the disciples] woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"* **Mark 4:38 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of wind and seas, help us to trust in your power and steadfast love that we may give you praise and serve our neighbor in love through Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Living God, we thank you for this gift of food, a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May you be filled with awe at the power and love of God.

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Shepherd Me, O God*

## WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time you were scared.
- When do you think of God more, during good times or bad times? Explain.
- The sea with its awesome views and power is like a parable of how life is filled with both beauty and danger. Where do you see beauty and danger in life? In faith?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Mark 4:35-41. The disciples are beside themselves with fear. The wind is howling; the waves are crashing over their little boat in a large and churning sea. It seemed like the end for them all. They wake up Jesus with a chorus of screaming cries, “Don’t you care that we are going to die?” Jesus describes this as an example of having no faith. After noting their serious limitations as disciples, he calms the wind and the sea. At this point in the story, Jesus exits the discussion and the disciples simply marvel at the power of their teacher. This is the scene of the life of faith. It, too, is a kind of parable, the kind that Jesus had just told his followers. A living and real faith is like being on the waters and vacillating between sheer fear and trembling and simple awe. Although the full breadth of faith experiences from disbelief to true adoration is hard to fathom, it is the life we live. Jesus knows this; Jesus accepts this; Jesus leads us from valley lows to mountain highs with the same understanding, love, and saving grace. When have you experienced serious doubts in your faith? When have you experienced the pure joy of being a follower of Jesus? *Pray:* **Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy that cares for us day and night with power and grace through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE

The disciples were afraid in the stormy, churning sea. The oceans provide food for billions of people. Catching large numbers of fish can be an exhausting and dangerous job. Pray for those who work on the seas including those who fish as well as those who provide security as part of the Coast Guard and Navy.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This Sunday is Father’s Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about and give thanks for the lives of all men who parent or otherwise care for and protect our children. Conclude by praying: **Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for and protect us. We especially give thanks for [names of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.**