SUNDAY- JUNE 23, 2024 - 9:00 AM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB



A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love with all people.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 23, 2024 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 AM (+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

#596 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1,2,3)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

 ${\bf L}$ - Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C - Amen.

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

(Silence is kept for reflection)

God, our provider, help us,

- C It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- L Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C - Amen

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

- + KYRIE pg. 138
- + HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 139 "Glory to God in the Highest..."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God of creation.

C: 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.

FIRST READING - Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird 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. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when 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'?"

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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.

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 4,

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

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?"

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Intern Zach Smirris

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: #785 - It Is Well with My Soul

+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105

OFFERING

OFFERTORY #186 "Create in me...."

THE PRAYERS (pg. 143)

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: "Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer**.")

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 145) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

(INSERT) "Jesus, You Have Truly Called Us" (sung to the tune of "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service)

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

We at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb have made a commitment to live out our Welcome Statement. During Pride Month we will be including a weekly hymn that acknowledges our welcome, acceptance and support of the LGBTQ+ community.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23, 2024

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Luke 1:57-67 [68-80], The Birth of John the Baptist Tuesday, Exodus 9:13-35, The Plague of Thunder and Hail Wednesday, Mark 6:45-52, Jesus Walks on the Water Thursday, Psalm 30, Thanksgiving for Recovery Friday, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, Encouragement to Be Generous Saturday, John 21:15-19, Jesus and Peter

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" - Mark 4:41

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.

- Do you ever stop to ponder how little we understand about the intricacies of creation? (Job 38:1-11)
- Where do you find strength to endure hardship? What are your weapons of righteousness? (2 Cor 6:1-13)
- What storms rage around you? How do you maintain trust in God's ultimate power? (Mark 4:35-41)

PRAY: All-powerful God, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and Encouragement to Be Generous 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.

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