

Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Mark 4:38-40

## **Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church** Old Zionsville, PA

A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024 10:30<sup>AM</sup>

## **Welcome to Zion's Lutheran Church**

We are a community that cares for one another. Feel free to voice your prayer concerns. Know our hearts join together as we pray. Everyone's voice is needed to tell the good news of God's love in Jesus; whether it be singing hymns, reading lessons, or greeting your neighbors.

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## **As We Worship**

### **Who, Then, Is This? Our Only Help.**

As the disciples set out together in the boat with the sleeping Jesus, a great windstorm arose so that the boat became swamped. As we set out in mission together in the ship of Christ's church, how many storms arise! The elements of chaos still seem to wreak havoc in our lives, communities, and in the church—and we become terrified. Though Christ is present the disciples and we ourselves begin to doubt his care and power: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" His presence seems far too weak to help us, though it is exactly in this vulnerable weakness that Christ shows his almighty power. Jesus wakes at the disciples' cries and rebukes the wind and waves—they are no match for his command. The terrifying calm that follows demonstrates his divine power over all the chaos that continually threatens us. And we find ourselves awe-struck before the living God who has met us in our weakness and yet overcome it. The Christ who sleeps in the boat is the same Christ who hangs on the cross, seemingly helpless. Yet the helpless one is none other than the all-powerful Lord God. "Who then is this?" but the Lord of all! The God who in the beginning brought order to the chaotic face of the deep now in Christ brings peace as we face the storm. So why are we afraid? Have we still no faith in this helpless Lord who is our only help?

Prelude “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*” arr. Mark Hayes  
“*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*” arr. Jay Rouse  
“*I Got Peace Like a River*” arr. Gina Sprunger

## Invocation

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembering their baptism.*  
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

*The congregation stands.*

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.

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

*“When Peace Like a River”*

ELW 785

## Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

*The congregation may sit.*

## 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.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

<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. R**  
<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.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation stands to greet the gospel and sings:*

*A - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya!            A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia!            Al - le - lu - ia!*

## Holy Gospel - Mark 4.35-41

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 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.*

<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**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon - The Rev. Thomas D. Busted**

*(after a period of silence for reflection*

*Please stand for the hymn.*

Hymn of the Day                    ***"Eternal Father Strong to Save"***  
   *ELW 756*

## **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.**

*Please be seated.*

**Dedication of Clavinova (see insert)**



## Prayers of Intercession

*Petitions will conclude* “Merciful God,”  
*Please respond* “**receive our prayer.**”

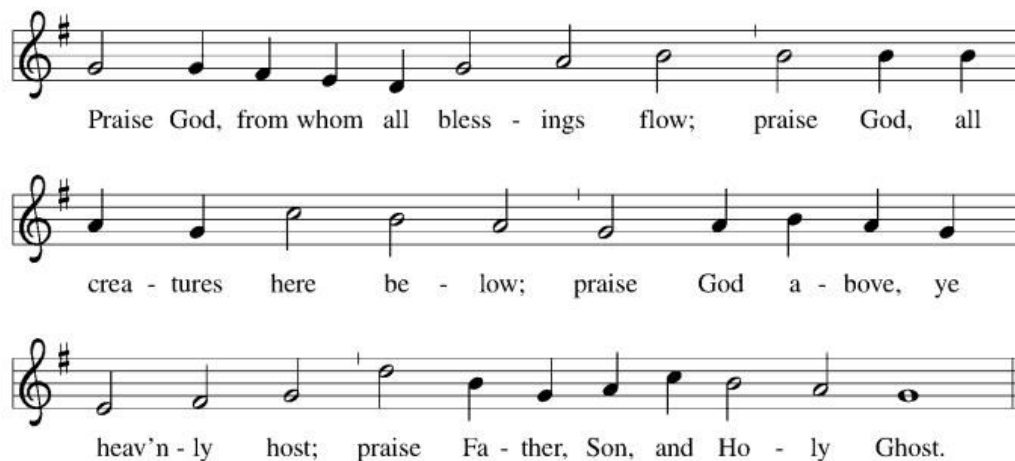
*At the conclusion of the petitions, the presiding minister concludes:*  
Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## The Sharing of the Peace

*Please share the peace as you feel comfortable.*  
The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Thank you* for supporting the Ministries of Zion’s Lutheran, either by placing a donation in one of the plates/boxes at the entrances to the sanctuary, or by conveniently contributing online at the Vanco Mobile App, which can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play.

## Offertory “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The first staff ends with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

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

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*  
ELW 773

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

*"Blessed Assurance"*  
by Mary McDonald

## Worship Leaders This Morning

Ministers	All the members of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Thomas D. Busteed (Cell phone 570-856-2078)
Director of Music	John Binde
Lay Reader	Richard Schmaldinst
Acolyte	Megan Loeb
Live-Streaming	Dave Heintzelman

## For Those in Need of Prayer

Additional Prayers—Elke Lindenmuth, Donald Schlicher, Stanley Trout, Blanche Schantz, Marvin Schantz, Richard Malburg, Travis Tillou, Christine Rex, June Trotter, Melissa Yaglowksi, Andy Wheeler, Teresa Schmaldinst, Lyn Bohn, John Fouldes, Brian Dries, Lynn Henderson, Donna VanCott, Sandy Schlicher, Bill McEwan, Viola Bartholomew, Geri Getz, Brenda Snyder, Maverik Wolbach, Susan Marin, and Linda Eiss.



Today, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Adult Forum @ 9:00 <sup>AM</sup>
	Worship Service @ 10:30 <sup>AM</sup>
Tuesday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Congregation Council @ 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Thursday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Zionsville Ministerium Choir Rehearsal at OZ UCC @ 7:30 <sup>PM</sup>

Please note: the Adult Forum will be on pause for the summer; today will be the last session until September 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## Why Are You Afraid?

We often find ourselves swamped by the storms of life, wind and waves beating into our boat. Perhaps it's a literal storm like the disciples experienced in today's gospel reading. Natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and even brutal blizzards have the power to upend our lives. So, too, do health crises, financial struggles, lost jobs, divorce or other relationship difficulties, the death of loved ones, and so many other situations.

Like the disciples, we may become overwhelmed by the storms and angry with God, who appears to be sleeping on the job. "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" is a common prayer in such moments. In response to that prayer, the disciples witnessed a miracle. Jesus stood up, rebuked the storm, and suddenly, all was calm.

But how often have you cried out to the Creator only to find that your personal storm rages on? The tests come back with bad news, the bank account remains overdrawn, the relationship ends, death still seems to have the last word. In these moments, it's easy to doubt: Why hasn't God stopped *my* storm? This side of heaven, we likely will never know why God stills some storms and not others. Yet, just as the disciples had Jesus with them in their boat, so do you. They were safe with their Teacher and the same is true for you.

The storms may beat against your boat with unimaginable force. But in your baptism, Jesus "climbed into your boat" and promised to be with you forever. You may be holding on for dear life. But truly Jesus is also holding onto *you*. Though your boat is rocking all over the stormy sea, he is with you, and you are safe. Do not be afraid.

**Telling the Story, Learning the Word, Serving our Neighbor.**

*"Inviting, welcoming, and supporting our congregation and community  
while learning God's word and serving those around us."*

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