



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Jesus Calms the Storm

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

We welcome you to the house of our true and living God for worship. Today's hymns, Scripture readings, and prayers emphasize how our Lord, amid the storms and troubles of this life, is always with his people to shield us from true harm and danger. And why would God do this for us as sinners? Because he cares. Because he loves us for the sake of Jesus, his Son, our Savior. May the Lord bless your worship, and may he also use the storms in your life to his glory and for your eternal good!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bid'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear
us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea. O Trinity of love
and pow'r, our people shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest,
fire and foe, protect them where-so-e'er they go; thus evermore shall rise
to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

(Christian Worship, #805 v. 1 & 4)

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we express unity with our Savior and those who share our faith and stand on the teachings of God's Word. Therefore, we invite to our altar those who are members of Our Savior's or members of the WELS/ELS. Visitors who wish to commune are asked to speak to the pastor before the service begins.

SERVING TODAY

- Minister – Pastor Jeff Mahnke
 - Organist – Marie Kurth
 - Ushers – Dan & Carrie Stelzer
- Next week – Sawyer Burish, Bob Gresens*

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

*Our Gracious God Is with Us
through All the Storms of Life*

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 812

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

- 1 Christ, the sure and steady anchor
in the fury of the storm—
when the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn,
in the suffering, in the sorrow,
when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

- 2 Christ, the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on—
when temptation claims the battle
and it seems the night has won,
deeper still then goes the anchor,
though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

- 3 Christ, the sure and steady anchor
through the floods of unbelief—
hopeless, somehow, O my soul now,
lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance,
see his love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

4 Christ, the sure and steady anchor
as we face the wave of death—
when these trials give way to glory
and we draw our final breath,
we will cross that great horizon,
clouds behind and life secure,
and the calm will be the better,
for the storms that we endure.

4a Christ, the shore of our salvation,
ever faithful, ever true—
we will hold fast to the anchor;
it shall never be removed.

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Stand

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Confession & Absolution

(It is only through the forgiveness of sins that we enter into the life of heaven. To confess our sins is to speak the truth about our lives. God seeks that truth in the heart and on the lips. To confess our sin is to say “Amen” to God’s just verdict that we have sinned against him and so deserve only death and hell (1 John 1:8-10). The truth of our sinfulness is answered by the truth of God’s forgiveness for the sake of the suffering and death of his Son. From the lips of man “called and ordained” as a servant of the Word, we hear God himself speaking absolution, that is, the forgiveness of sins. To that forgiveness faith says, “Amen,” that is, “Truth.” (John 20:19-23).)

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

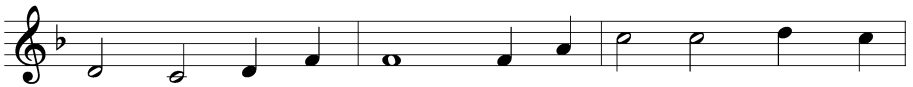
CW 517 sts. 1, 3



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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Prayer of the Day

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Job 38:1–11

Out of a storm the LORD spoke to Job, explaining that no mere man has the capacity to understand the wonderful ways God works.

¹Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

²“Who is this that obscures my plans
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?”

Second Reading

Acts 27:13–26

St. Paul and others were on a boat in the middle of a hurricane. God did not calm the storm. Yet, He was with them, accomplishing His good and gracious work.

¹³When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. ¹⁵The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, ¹⁷so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. ¹⁸We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

²¹After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. ²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

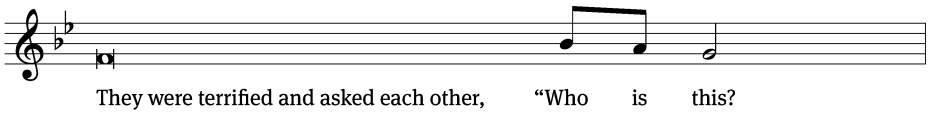
Mark 4:41



Refrain



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Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

Even the winds and the waves must obey Jesus Christ

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 984 sts. 1-4

A Vicious Storm, A Raging Sea



1 A vi - cious storm, a rag - ing sea, a Sav - ior sleep - ing
2 A brief com - mand, all dan - gers pass—the lake be - comes a
3 The one whom wind and waves o - bey could clear - ly see the
4 Raised from the dead to end sin's curse, his pres - ence fills the



peace - ful - ly— their rac - ing hearts would not slow down: “Do
sheet of glass! Who is this man from Gal - i - lee who
com - ing day when he be - neath God's wrath would fall, when
u - ni - verse. The pow'r which he once set a - side he



you not care if we should drown!” I know that feel - ing
with a word can calm the sea? He is, by God's e -
he would bleed and die for all. Dis - miss - ing all his
now em - ploys, all - glo - ri - fied, to help his Church to



far too well— the fear of harm or death or hell.
ter - nal plan, the one who is both God and man.
pow'r di - vine, Christ Je - sus gave his life for mine.
per - se - vere, to drive a - way my fool - ish fear.

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Your Savior Cares!

- 1. He is with you in the storm**
- 2. He alone has power to calm the storm**

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Thank Offering & Friendship Register

Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

We thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wondrous works to the children of men. You hold power over wind and wave, sin and death. Deliver us from every trouble and distress, and bring us at last to our eternal haven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you rule this world by your power. Give to our civil servants respect and recognition of your creation and its nature. When they use the authority given them from above, let it be in accord with your good design for our world and not the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, you command wind and wave. Out of your mercy, spare us from disaster. Give success to crops; send suitable rain for the earth; give protection to those endangered by storms on land, sea or air; and give us faith both to call to you in trouble and to trust that you will work everything for our good for the sake of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, you see that we are perishing, yet you bid us to set our fears aside and trust in you for the sake of Christ, by whose blood we have received peace for our troubled consciences. Do not reject our prayers for their faithlessness, but teach us to trust in you fully. Give your protection and peace to those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, we shout for joy as Christ Jesus gives to us his true body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Let us not doubt but firmly believe your Word, that you who formed our world and its matter know well how to be present for us and our forgiveness in this Sacrament. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and in whose name we join together and pray:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Sacrament

We gather to celebrate Christ's sacrifice for us:
He offers us new life.

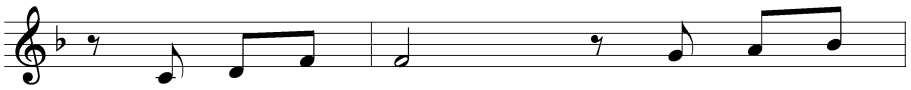
We gather to celebrate Christ's victory over temptation:
He offers us new strength.

We gather to celebrate his body broken for us:
He offers us true healing.

We gather to celebrate his blood poured out for our sins:
He offers us true forgiveness.

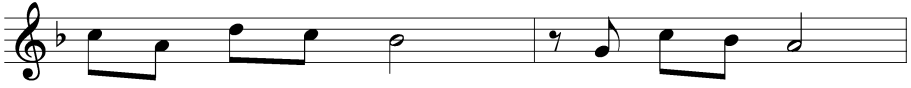
What Is This Bread

CW 665 sts. 1-2



1 What is this bread?
2 What is this wine?

Christ's bod - y
The blood of



ris - en from the dead:
Je - sus shed for mine;

this bread we break,
the cup of grace



this life we take,
brings his em - brace

was crushed to pay for our re -
of life and love un - til I



lease. O taste and see—
sing! O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
the Lord is King.

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Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Be seated

Distribution & Hymns

He Will Hold Me Fast

CW 813

- 1 When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail,
he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
thro' life's fearful path,
for my love is often cold—
he must hold me fast. (Refrain)

Ref He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

- 2 Those he saves are his delight;
Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight,
he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost,
he will hold me fast. (Refrain)

- 3 For my life he bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied;
he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life,
he will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight
when he comes at last! (Refrain)

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CW 563

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. (Refrain)

Ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3 His oath, his covenant and blood
support me in the raging flood;
when ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before his throne. (Refrain)

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Closing Prayer

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

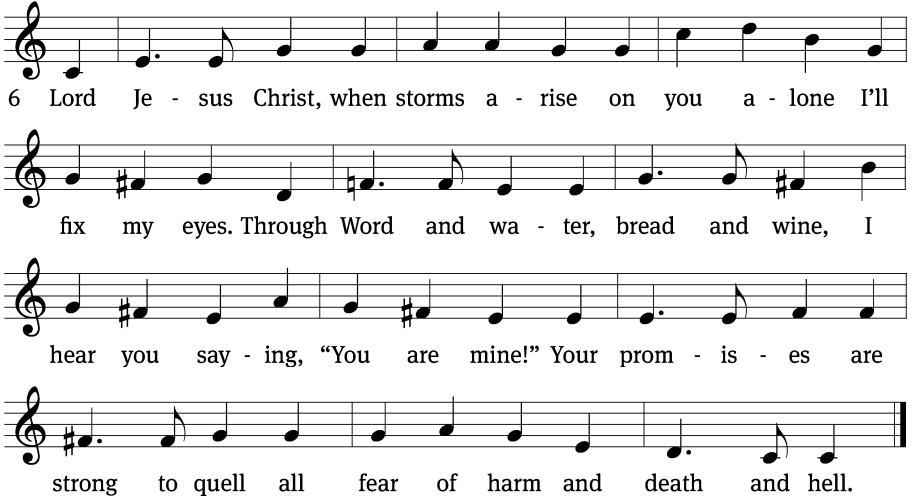
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 984 st. 6



6 Lord Je - sus Christ, when storms a - rise on you a - lone I'll
fix my eyes. Through Word and wa - ter, bread and wine, I
hear you say - ing, "You are mine!" Your prom - is - es are
strong to quell all fear of harm and death and hell.

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May your week be richly blessed!*

Serving the Pastoral Vacancy - Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is pastorm@mysaintpeter.org.

Divine Call Update – Our voters issued a Divine Call to Pastor Joshua Becker, who currently serves at Christ Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Michigan. His wife is not eligible for a teaching call unless and until her husband accepts our pastoral call. In the meantime, we are exploring other possibilities for an upper grades teacher. Please remember our ministry and Pastor Becker in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve our Lord. Please reach out to him with words of encouragement: joshua_j_becker@yahoo.com

Area Divine Call News – Pastor Andy Buschkopf (Mountain of the Lord, Rib Mountain) has received the Divine Call to serve as an associate pastor at Risen Savior in Orlando, FL. Pastor Scott Wolfram (Divine Word, Plover, & The Word, Stevens Point) has received the Divine Call to serve St John Lutheran Church in Wrightstown, WI. Pastor Frederic Berger (St Paul's, Plymouth, NE) has accepted the Divine Call from the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board to serve as the pastor for the Kronenwetter mission. The Bergers plan to move to the area in August.

In Our Prayers – Please remember to pray for Bob Ruether, whose health continues to decline. May God grant him and his family comfort and peace in the promise of eternal life for all who believe.

Rick Lombard was hospitalized this past week. May God restore his strength and grant him a full recovery.

Special Door Offering Today – Vicar Wenzel will preach his last sermon at Our Savior's on July 14. As we have for previous vicars who have served us, we will have a special "thank you" door offering today and July 7.

Mark Your Calendar! – The annual voters meeting will be on Sunday, July 14 following our worship service. At this important meeting, voters will discuss and give final approval to the 2024-25 budget. All members are encouraged to attend.

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday	6:00 PM	Board of Education
Sunday 7/7	9:00 AM	Worship

Growing Together ~ June 23, 2024

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