



Jesus calming
the storm

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 20, 2021 - 11:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

For those individuals or families desiring a space that is physically distanced, please feel welcome to sit in the rows that are marked as reserved.

Lessons and Liturgy Today

"Do you not care that we are perishing?" The disciples' question resonates with anyone who has ever wondered if there is anyone who truly, personally cares about the struggles, troubles, and fears of our lives. When you face a stormy time of life, it can seem that everyone else is just going along happily with no troubles. It can seem that no one cares. Jesus answers the disciples with great compassion and power. With the wind howling, the boat taking on water, and the disciples afraid for their lives, Jesus speaks. "Peace, be still." And the Lord's Word does what It says. The wind ceased. There was a great calm. Jesus cares. Ultimately, He put His Mighty Power to work on behalf of all those who are perishing by dying and rising for our salvation. Jesus has power over the storms of this world; and over all the storms in our lives. He invites us to find peace in Him. We are not to fear but to rejoice in His Sovereign Power to save us from sin, death, and the grave.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Musical Offering, Opening Song: Open The Eyes Of My Heart

P. Baloche

Verse X2

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You

Refrain

To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory;
pour out Your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy

Repeat Verse X2

Refrain X2

Ending X2

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

C **Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.** (Psalm 42:5)

P Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

C **whom He has redeemed from trouble.**

P They cried to the Lord in their trouble,

C **and He delivered them from their distress.** (Psalm 107:2,28)

Confession of Sins

P Almighty God, Ruler of wind and wave, Who laid the foundation of the earth, we confess to you our sins, both those of which we are aware and unaware.

C **We confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, We confess that we often revert to fear and doubt when faced with the storms of life. Mighty Lord, Whom even the wind the waves obey, forgive our sins, remove our doubts, calm our fears, strengthen our faith.**

Good News of Forgiveness

P Our Heavenly Father has not left us to despair in our sinfulness. In His Infinite Wisdom, He sent our Lord, the Son of Man, so that He would be lifted up on the cross, that whoever believes in Him may have Eternal Life. God the Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we may put our trust in the Lord Jesus, firmly believing that His Death has paid for our sins, and His Resurrection has opened Heaven to us.

As a Called and ordained servant of Christ and by His Authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: How High And How Wide

M. Altrogge

1. No eye has seen and no ear has heard,
and no mind has ever conceived
the glorious things that You have prepared
for ev'ryone who has believed;
You brought us near and You called us Your own,
and made us joint heirs with Your Son:

Refrain

How high and how wide,
how deep and how long,
how sweet and how strong
is Your love;
How lavish Your grace,
how faithful Your ways -
how great is Your love, O Lord?

2. Objects of mercy who should have known wrath,
we're filled with unspeakable joy -
riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth,
and the wonder of knowing Your voice;
You are our treasure and our great reward,
our hope, and our glorious King:

Refrain X2

How high and how wide,
how deep and how long,
how sweet and how strong
is Your love;
How lavish Your grace,
how faithful Your ways -
how great is Your love, O Lord?

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Old Testament Reading - Job 38:1-11 [ESV]

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle - II Corinthians 6:1-13 [ESV]

Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the Grace of God in vain. For He says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the Day of Salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the Power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel – Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

On that day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But He 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 awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Children’s Message – Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: Forever

C. Tomlin

1. Give thanks to the Lord,
our God and King,
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

2. With a mighty hand
and an outstretched arm,
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise:

Refrain

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever, forever!

3. From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever
and by the grace of God
We will carry on;
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise:
Refrain X2

Commissioning of Vicar Alan Shaw as Stephen Ministry Leader

Presentation

P Alan Shaw, you have been trained at a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course and have been asked to serve as Stephen Leader at Resurrection Lutheran Church. You are a gift of God to us, to lead us in this ministry of equipping and caring.

Address

(To the congregation)

P As Christians who are a part of the priesthood of all believers, all of us are called to offer ourselves to our Lord in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us in Jesus Christ.
But it is also our privilege to recognize and support those who are trained for specific ministries in this congregation, especially today as we recognize and affirm this Stephen Leader who will direct the Stephen Ministry.

(To the Stephen Leader)

P Because of your gifts, your calling, and your training, we charge you with these responsibilities.

- ▶ To build awareness of our growing Stephen Ministry
- ▶ To solicit the commitment of this congregation to Stephen Ministry at every opportunity
- ▶ To recruit, select, and train thoroughly as Stephen Ministers those members of this congregation whose gift it is to share in this one-to-one caring ministry
- ▶ To use the resources of our community as appropriate to enrich the training and ongoing supervision of Stephen Ministry in this congregation
- ▶ To work with the Pastoral Office of this congregation to identify members who could benefit from this confidential caring ministry
- ▶ To assign the trained caregiver who most appropriately fits a person's need
- ▶ To supervise these confidential caring relationships and offer regular opportunities for continuing growth in the skills and practice of caring ministry

Vows

P Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

R *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

P Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others – to support, encourage, build up, and heal people in all their needs?

R *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

(To the congregation)

P Members of Resurrection Lutheran Church, will you open your hearts to the ministry of this Stephen Leader and pray for him as a servant of Christ?

If so, answer: *"Yes, with the help of God."*

C Yes, with the help of God.

Prayer

- P Let us pray.
Gracious God, You have called Alan Shaw to lead us into new paths of this caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered him for this task.
Grant him joy in his service and a spirit of bold trust in You, that his ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that Your Name may be glorified, Your people live in peace, and Your Good and Gracious Will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Blessing

- P May the Lord of the Church fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless, and keep you, so that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been called, gifted, trained, and sent.
- C **Amen.**

- P Go in peace.

Fathers' Day Prayer

- P Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for fathers, men whom You have entrusted with the task of following in Your Ways and passing on the faith to children. We thank you for their courage, strength and faithfulness.
- C **To fathers You have given the great responsibility of leading families. We pray that You would teach and lead them to be good fathers no matter how old or young their children are. Give them hearts like Your Heart that they may become known for compassion, tenderness, and mercy. May they live lives full of love and grace. May they not be afraid to use appropriate discipline and may they lead their families with great wisdom and gentleness. Help fathers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Jesus and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.**
- P Send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all fathers who sorrow for children who have died; who are ill; who are estranged from their families; or who are in trouble of any kind.
Help grieving fathers to rely on Your Tender Mercy, granting them hope in the midst of their grief.
- C **We ask Your Blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted the responsibility of fatherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them to faithful service through self-giving love. We pray all this in the Loving Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

after each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Benediction

Musical Offering, Closing Song: Great Are You, Lord
J. Ingram

Verse

You give life, You are love,
You bring light to the darkness;
You give hope, You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken,
and great are You, LORD

Refrain

It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to You only
(Repeat Verse) Refrain

And all the earth will shout Your praise,
our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
"Great are You, Lord" (repeat x2)
Refrain

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+ Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! Thanks Be to God! +

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Journey with St. Mark, 2: Courage from the “Calm” Jesus Brings
(Mark 4:35–41) Series B, Proper 7

Do you envy Jesus His ability to sleep through a storm? Sleep doesn't mean inaction on God's part (see Mk 4:26–29). But Jesus' calm in the face of chaos (a truly “great calm,” 4:39) is what we yearn for. The storms of life do not go away on this side of eternity. Jesus enables us to confront them in and with the calm that only He can bring.

1. **The presupposition:** So far in our summer sojourn through the Gospel of Mark, Jesus has addressed our need to belong (6/6). Today Jesus deals with _____—especially where the call to action appears dangerous and likely to awaken “_____.”
2. **The problem:** A storm isn't just on the horizon. It's here, we/the people we know are in it, and we/they are bailing water to stay afloat. The storms we and the people we love face may be either great or small, life-threatening, or merely distracting, but they usually evoke our natural _____ - ____ - _____, which gets us nowhere.
3. **The question:** If fear is ____ ____, why is it often ____ _____ for our survival? Courage without any hint of fear can be the result of a manic disorder! Yet fear alone is unhelpful when anxiety and timidity constantly overwhelm us. Being called by God to a difficult job (to “cross to the other side”) is a call to action, it is an invitation to greater trust, *despite* or *alongside* our fears. But we cannot achieve this peace alone.
4. **The solution:** Jesus' _____ over _____, His _____ _____ lead us to put our trust in Him. The story of the disciples on the storm-tossed sea echoes the story of Jonah (cf. Jonah 1). The “sign of Jonah” (three days in the pit of death...then life! Matt 12:40) was fulfilled in Jesus' ultimate triumph over Evil. Jesus is now at work in *all things* for the good of folks like you and me (and all people of inadequate faith) who have nevertheless been called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)! Where is “the other side” of the lake where Jesus is calling you today? What will faith in *Jesus' victory* alongside (or in spite of) your fears, look like?