

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

June 20th, 2021

8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Services

Introduction for the Day: 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.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Sheila Rawn

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship and Father's Day Litany

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

On this day we recognize all our fathers who have nurtured and guided us.

We thank You, O God, for those who have been fathers to us.

We honor our grandfathers, our uncles, and brothers, and those who have demonstrated love and care to us in our lives.

We thank You, O God, for all who have loved and cared for us.

We appreciate all our teachers, leaders, and role models who have extended tenderness and love in our lives.

We thank You, O God, for those who have fulfilled a loving role in our lives.

Loving God, your love and care for us are felt in the ways we are loved and cared for by others. We thank you for all in our lives who have shared your love with us.

Grant your wisdom to all to love as you have loved your children.

We thank You, O God, for the blessing of loving parents and all in our lives.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord. “For I am God and there is no other.”

Even when storms arise in our lives, our Lord has power to calm them, and to save us from perishing.

Today we confess our fears, and the weak faith that makes them so very frightening.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our doing. We are afraid and doubtful. Our faith is weak. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and call us by your Holy Spirit to the new life you ordained for us, to the glory of your holy name.

“Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Through the Holy Spirit given to us, God’s love has been poured into your hearts. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Peace! Be still!

Amen.

Gathering Song

#632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past [Stanzas 1, 5 & 6]

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op’ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727. Tune: St. Anne CM.

Opening Litany for “*Even Wind and Sea Obey*” Sunday

When the disciples were caught in a storm on the sea, they were filled with fear. But Jesus came and calmed the waves with a word.

God was their refuge and strength.

When we are struck down by illness or injury and our bodies are weak, when we are faced with an uncertain future and clouds of doubt hover over us,

God is our very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

For the Lord Almighty is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Apostolic Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Word

(Please be seated)

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.

A reading from Job, Chapter 38.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare 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 heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

Let us read responsively from Psalm 107.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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.

A reading from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 6.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

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! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

#794 Calm to the Waves

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus
 whis - pers, "Peace, be still." Balm to our hearts.
 Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

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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.

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

Glory to You O Lord.

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 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?" 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. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" 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 the Lord for you this day.
Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Sheila Rawn

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save [Stanza 1 & 2]

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade
 the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: oh, hear us when
 we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who
 walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep: oh,
 hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876. Tune: Melita 88 88 88.

Profession of Faith

The 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.**

Prayer of Intercession

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world
 and the church, and all people in need.

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

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and
 thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Healing Liturgy

(Please be seated)

We are all in are various places but together in time to hear the Word of God, pray for those in need, and ask God's blessing on those who seek healing and wholeness through Christ our Lord.

Look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.

Bring us comfort amid pain, light to illuminate our darkness,

And strengthen us in our journey.

Healing Litany

Let us pray. Living God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.

When afraid, **give us courage;**

when afflicted, **give us patience;**

when dejected, **give us hope;**

and when alone, **assure us of the support of your holy people.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A time of Reflection [Video and Music]

Healing Prayer

Let us pray. O Creator and Mighty God,

**you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way,
grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love.**

O Creator, and Mighty God, help us to continue in your promise. **Amen.**

(Please stand as you are able)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Meal

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

(8:30)

Longing, arr. by Mark Hayes

(10:15)

Be Thou My Vision

John Malloy, Guitar

(Please stand as you are able)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

The disciples saw your power and trembled with fear: "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" We see you, O Christ, at this Communion table, and shout for joy.

Make us one, one in you. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

(Please be seated)

Please take your belongings with you to communion.

Communion Hymn

#461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly [Stanza 1]

Please meditate on the hymn text.

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth, we will be fed.

*You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the
grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

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