



THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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As We Gather

Wind. Storm. Waves. Jesus' disciples were experiencing all of this on the Sea of Galilee, and they thought they were perishing! Maybe you can relate – maybe you've felt the rage of sickness or the storm of financial crisis or waves of worry and anxiety. When you experience the storms of life, be assured that the same Savior who was with His frightened disciples in the tempest on the Sea of Galilee is with you today. The One who calmed the storms and brought peace with His Word still gives us peace in His Word and Sacrament that we receive today.

Prelude

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

P. Manz

Opening Hymn

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

#718

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| 1 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland. | 3 When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more. |
| 2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe
To our home we go. | 4 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland. |

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Psalm 124:1, 4, 5, 8

P If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,

C then the flood would have swept us away.

P If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

C the torrent would have gone over us.

P If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

C then over us would have gone the raging waters.

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

We pause in silence to remember our sins before our Heavenly Father...

P Almighty God, merciful Father,

C it is our sinful nature to assume for ourselves Your authority as God. Whether willfully or unknowingly, we plan, plot, scheme, and try to control our own lives independently of Your will. We confess that You are God and we are not. For Jesus' sake, have mercy on us and forgive us, and fill us again with Your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may be governed by You.

P “Peace! Be still!” God is good, and He loves you! Therefore, as a called and ordained 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.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Ps. 107:29–32; antiphon: Ps. 107:28

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

C **He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

P Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

C **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

P Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together.

C **Almighty God, with the Word of Jesus You wisely and faithfully sustain Your creation. When our lives are buffeted by storms and trials, send us His Word of peace, that we may find refuge in Your presence and comfort in Your tender care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

✠ The Lord Answers Job ✠

Job 38:1-11

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known 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 sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Celebration Ringers:

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

arr. M. Keller

Epistle

✠ The Ministry of Reconciliation ✠

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way:

by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

✠ Jesus Calms a Storm ✠

Mark 4:35-41

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."
³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But 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?" ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according
to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

#717

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| 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd’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. | 3 Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea. |
| 2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea. | 4 O Trinity of love and pow’r,
Our people shield in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe’er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea. |

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Offerings may also be dropped off at the office or mailed, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please call the church office.*

Offertory Meditation

A word about the Sacrament of the Altar...

We believe Jesus’ own words that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are indeed His true Body and Blood and not just a representation of them. We also acknowledge St. Paul’s instruction to the Church at Corinth that it is harmful for anyone to receive the Sacrament without recognizing the real presence of His Body and Blood. Because of this, in Christian love we ask anyone who does not understand these truths to please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you’ve spoken with the pastor. (*Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-30*)

✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You sent Your Son to calm our storms, heal the sick, and forgive the sinner by His life, death, and resurrection. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Hear us now as we pray together in Jesus' name,

C Our Father who art in heaven...

Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

✠ Distribution of the Sacrament ✠

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

#606

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| 1 | I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains. | I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares. |
| 2 | I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases;
My soul He does redeem. | 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces;
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured. |

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“Jesus Savior Pilot Me”

#715

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life’s tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach’rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 2 As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist’rous waves obey Thy will

- When Thou say’st to them, “Be still!”
Wondrous Sov’rign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 3 When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
“Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

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“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

#716 sts. 1,2,4,5

- 1 I walk in danger all the way.
The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If I should fail to watch and pray.
I walk in danger all the way.
- 2 I pass through trials all the way,
With sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day
The cross of God’s own sending.
When in adversity
I know not where to flee,
When storms of woe my soul dismay,
I pass through trials all the way.

- 4 I walk with angels all the way,
They shield me and befriend me;
All Satan’s pow’r is held at bay
When heav’nly hosts attend me;
They are my sure defense,
All fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharmd by foes, do what they may,
I walk with angels all the way.
- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan’s pow’r assails me;
And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray;
I walk with Jesus all the way.

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Communion Blessing

- P** The true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray. O God the Father, we thank You for the forgiveness and peace You’ve graciously given us in this Sacrament. Now as we go from here, enable us, we pray, to open our hearts and share Your love, so that the people we meet may also know this favorable time and day of salvation that You have made possible through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

#782

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. Refrain

△4 Heav’nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev’ry place! Refrain

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Postlude

“Air” from “The Water Music”

G. Handel



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Organist: Ruth Sievers

Celebration Ringers Director: Martha Moeller

Vocalist: Sue Marcinkowski

Lector: Bill Leise

Altar Care: Ruth Diver

Elders on Duty: Bill Leise, Dave Witkosky, Curtis Simonson

Altar Flowers are given by Marilyn and Glenn Bitner, in thanksgiving for their 60th wedding anniversary on June 20th and Glenn’s birthday on June 16th.

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Announcements & Notes

It's been long overdue! We have not welcomed our new members and visitors since before COVID began, so we are going to do just next Sunday, June 30th right after our Sunday service. Many of you already feel like old friends, but let's make it official with a nice reception in the Timothy Room, starting at about 10:15. The whole congregation is invited, so everyone please come and make a new friend!

Wednesday Evening Worship Services at 6pm have returned to the airconditioned Timothy Room. Please enter through the outside Timothy Room door directly into the worship area.

Bible Study Opportunities: Friday evenings at 6:30 pm with Curtis Simonson and Sunday Mornings at 10:30, when we're just starting a new study of the Parables of Jesus. Both studies are in the St Timothy Room – Join us!

A Summer Bereavement Support Group, hosted by OSF Little Company of Mary Hospice, will be held from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 Oxford Ave. in Chicago Ridge on 6 consecutive Wednesdays from July 10th through August 14th. To register, please call Jessica at 708-229-6913.

The St. Paul Adult Choir is welcoming additional members to sing with them on July 14th for Pastor John's retirement service. Rehearsals will be held in the Timothy Room on Wednesdays - June 26, July 3, and July 10 - at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Wednesday evening church service. See Ruth Sievers for more information.

Tickets for Pastor John's retirement luncheon and reception on July 14th are available both before and after services at the table in the narthex - or - in the church office during the week. Please purchase your tickets no later than Sunday, June 30th.

Remembering our homebound friends is a caring ministry of St. Paul meant to help us stay in touch with our members who aren't able to be with us for worship. Please remember them in your prayers. You may also like to send a note or a card. This week our homebound friend is Joan Miller, 16827 S. 91st Ave., Orland Hills, IL 60487



Please pray for these members of our St. Paul family

Sandy Barry
Steve Czerniejewski
George Oberg
Jan Leise
Dawn Schumann
Bob Marcinkowski
Jennifer Garcia
June Hagberg
Dave Purdy
Judy Anderson
Carl Hoppe
Amanda Greene
Janice Janiszewski
Dorothy Pavella
Vic & Marty Both
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Bill Volk
Arthur Gerth
Ingrid Lesko
Jan Briede
Roy Hodgeman
Katherine Hice
Kurt Seehofer
Flora Jones
Graham Jackson
Kevin Hickey
Gloria Meyer
Elaine Lebron
Melva Smith
Delores Stegemann
Carol Small
Mike Degidio
Norma Silinski
Beverly Sellers
Betty Beegle
Warren Miller

Delphine Cherry
Ron Klingensmith
Louis Frank
Betty Kruckow
Herta Iversen
Loretta Frank.
Barbara Prendergast
Nancy Bundley
Rosa Richardson
Sarah Weber

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Roberta & Carlos Owens
Dorothy Kroll
Emily Feehan
LeRoy Bitner
Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta
Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow
Janet Trierweiler
Vicki Warren
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Daniel Musser
Rudy DeAngelis
David Frazone
Anna Stendic
Debby Kehrl

For those who grieve: Marilyn, Tim, and Matt Degen and all the family and friends of their husband and father, Dennis, called from this life on Saturday, June 21. Visitation will be on Thursday, June 27, 4:00 – 8:00 PM at Kosary Funeral Home. Service will be at St. Paul Friday, June 28 at 11:00 following visitation from 10:00 until time of service.

We give thanks to God

With Sandy Barry, Steve Czerniejewski, and the Rush Hospital transplant team as Sandy has received her stem cell transplant, using the cells donated by her brother Steve this past Wednesday, June 19th

With Glenn Bitner, Rich Przybycien, Susan Volk and Delores Musser are all celebrating birthdays, and also with Glenn & Marilyn Bitner, Mike & Debbie Will, and Bill & Jan Leise, all celebrating God's gift of marriage!