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INTRODUCTION TO 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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P** God, our provider,
C **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.**
- P** 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.
C **Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN: *When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)* (ELW 785)

Sing only verses 1, 2, and 4.

When Peace, like a River
It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE. Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

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GREETING

P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
C And also with you.

RESPONSIVE READING

- P** For peace in the World, for the health of the Church, for the unity of all,
C **for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,**
- P** That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
C **that we may live out truth and justice and grace,**
- P** for peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,
C **for life and for love, for work and our play,**
- P** for your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,
C **that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord.**

THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 38: 1-11

Please be seated.

L A reading from Job.

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and 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.

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare 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 heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? —

⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped!'

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32*Read responsively.*¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.²**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble**³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.²³**Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;**²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.²⁵**For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.**²⁶They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;²⁷**they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.**²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;²⁹**he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.**³⁰Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.³¹**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.**SECOND READING: 2nd Corinthians 6: 1-13****L** A reading from 2nd Corinthians.*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 by is graciously working for our salvation.*¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For 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! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.**L** The word of the Lord.**C** **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 35-41

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

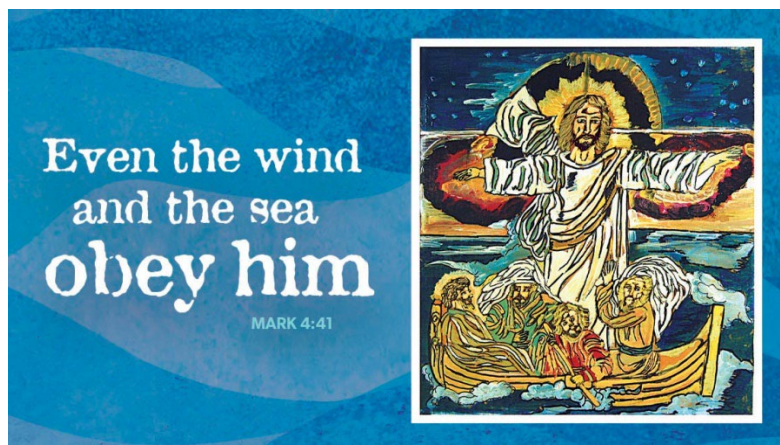
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus calms the storm on the sea, he 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.

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**



SERMON

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Stand by Me*; (UMH 512)

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APOSTLES' CREED

A Join me in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A We come before the Triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our World.

Silence for reflection.

A Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling especially Michael, Niki, Emilie and Braxton Drew, and all of those we hold in our hearts. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- P** Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

SHALOM

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**




DIALOGUE

- 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 our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
(Preface is in the pocket of the Pastor's binder.)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious World of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the World, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus **took bread**, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he **took the cup**, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the Earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the Earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray the prayer you taught us:

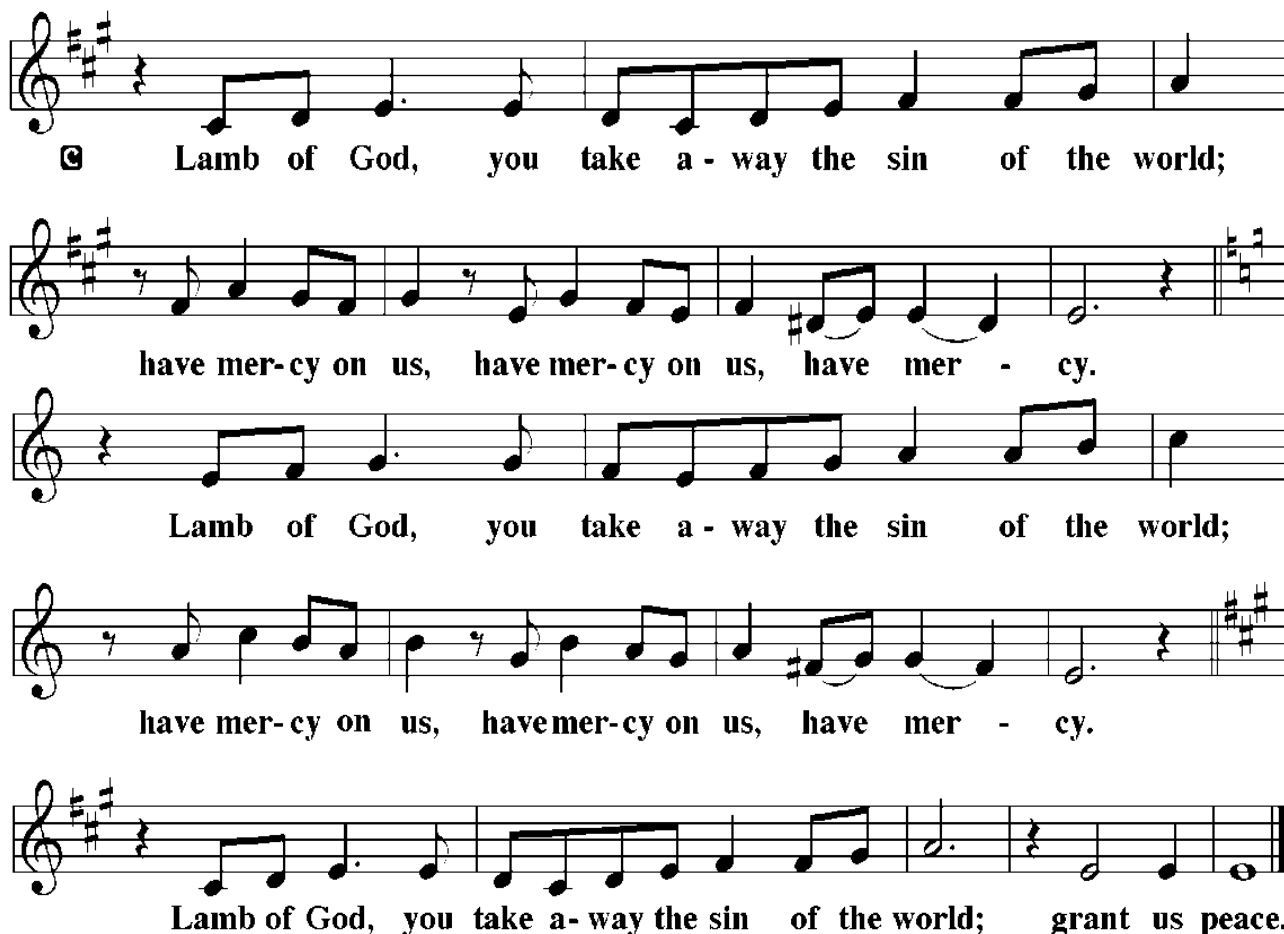
C Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION HYMN



C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

C Amen

BLESSING

- P** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.
The blessing of the living God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.
- C** **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (ELW 773)**DISMISSAL**

- A** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- C** **Thanks be to God. *We go out--Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God's Grace, Reaching out with Christ's love.* Amen!**
(The words in italics are Zion's mission statement.)

POSTLUDE

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Serving during worship this morning:

Presider: Jon Meister **Lector:**
Musician(s): Jerry Gossett
Food fund donations:

Serving during worship next week:

Presider: Jon Meister **Lector:**
Musician(s): Jerry Gossett
Food fund donations:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All Baptized persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune. Worshippers who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine will find white grape juice available in the tray of communion cups. Please come forward using the left aisle and return to your seats using the right aisle.

CONTACT THE PASTOR

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.



SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS BEFORE CHURCH We have Sunday morning Bible discussions every Sunday before Church. We meet at 9:45 each week. We are going to be reading a book by C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* and discussing it. Please come and join our lively discussion. Bring your Bible and your favorite morning beverage with you. If you wish. We finished with *Mere Christianity* today. We will begin discussion of the discussing the Holy Trinity. The 2nd week in July. Be sure to get in on the ground floor.

FINDING US ON THE INTERNET Some of you may know that the church has a wonderful website that was designed by Susie Taylor. She does a wonderful job updating it every week. Susie also has her own page on Facebook that I have referred to on several occasions. There are many items on her site that are great for thoughts of the day. It is *Stix-N-Stonez*. Check it out. However a new blogger on the scene is Alex Meister. Find him at “christianameister.wixsite.com/blog”. Alex has posted many of his essays on different topics relating to Christianity. Some we have discussed in our Sunday Bible Studies. I invite you to check out both of these Facebook sites. Then come to Bible Study and discuss your feelings.

PRAYERS



We are praying for Nicole Biler Robinette, (Tim’s daughter). She is on the transplant list for a new heart. We pray that this will happen soon. Tim says that she is in good spirits. Keep her; her husband, Stephen; and her parents and family in your prayers. Also keep Emilie Harless and baby BD in your prayers. Please keep these people in your prayers as well: Michael Koch; Mike and Donna Toy, and all of those who are suffering from diseases or other health issues and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor.

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Michael has moved to *The Grove*, a facility that is much closer to his home. You can get updates from Linda at www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid Keep all of the Koch’s in your prayers.

If you hear or know of anyone who should be on our Prayer List, please let me know, my number is 614-398-6302