

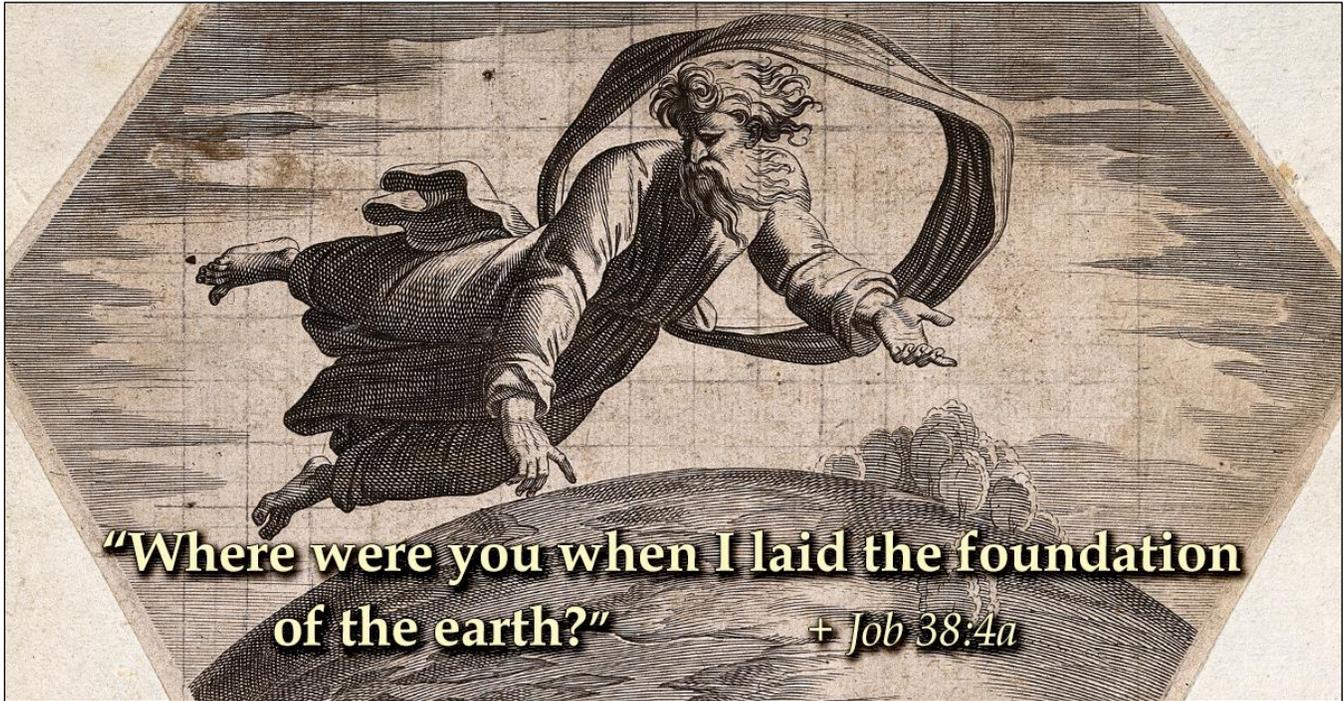


Who then is this, that even the wind and sea obey Him?

+ *Mark 4:41b*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel, Jesus commands the wind and the sea to become calm, which understandably stuns the disciples. "Who is this?" they wonder. The other Readings today reaffirm what we know of Jesus—that He is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity.

In the Old Testament, the Creator puts creature Job in his place. We also ought to remember with whom we are dealing when we request or complain. Saint Paul likewise encourages his readers, then and now, to put their circumstances into the context of the whole Church.

Our situations do not define us! With certainty of God's care and emboldened by the strength He provides, we are called to live out our faith confidently. We know who this is: He is Jesus, our Lord, our Savior—He is God.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

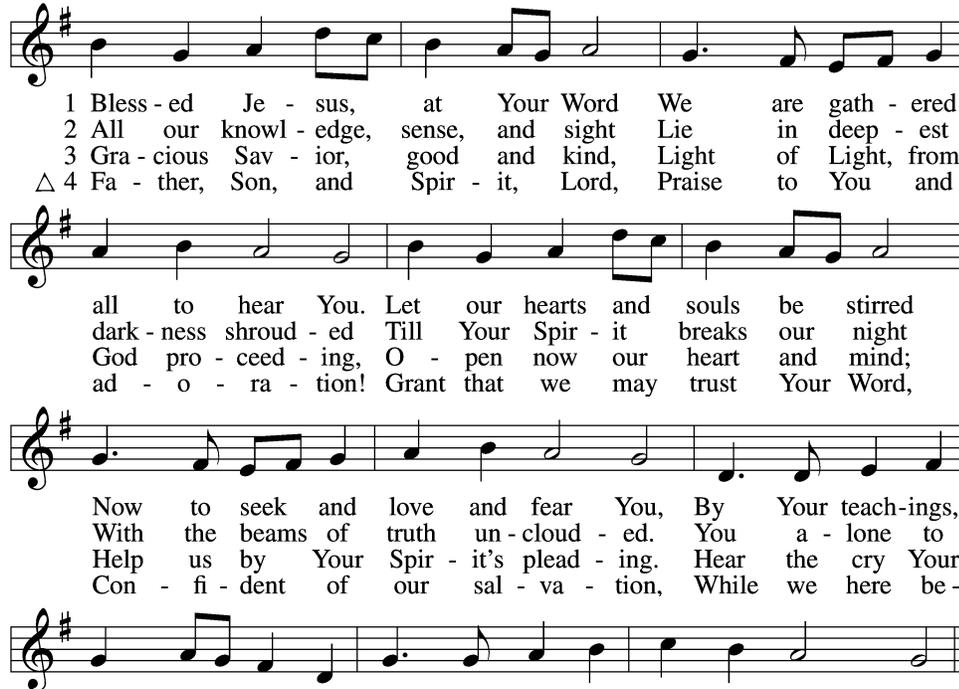
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✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and
all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -
sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

Kneel (or remain standing) — Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- Grant this, Lord, unto us all. *Mark 16:16; John 1:12*
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 107:29–32; antiphon: v. 28

The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm.



(Antiphon) Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and He delivered them from | their distress.

²⁹ He made the | storm be still,*
and the waves of the | sea were hushed.

³⁰ **Then they were glad that the waters were | quiet,*
and He brought them to their desired | haven.**

³¹ Let them thank the LORD for His | steadfast love,*
for His wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

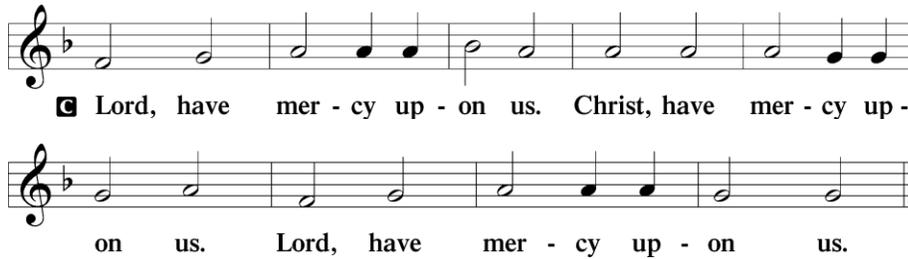
³² **Let them extol Him in the congregation of the | people,*
and praise Him in the assembly of the | elders.**

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

The antiphon is repeated.

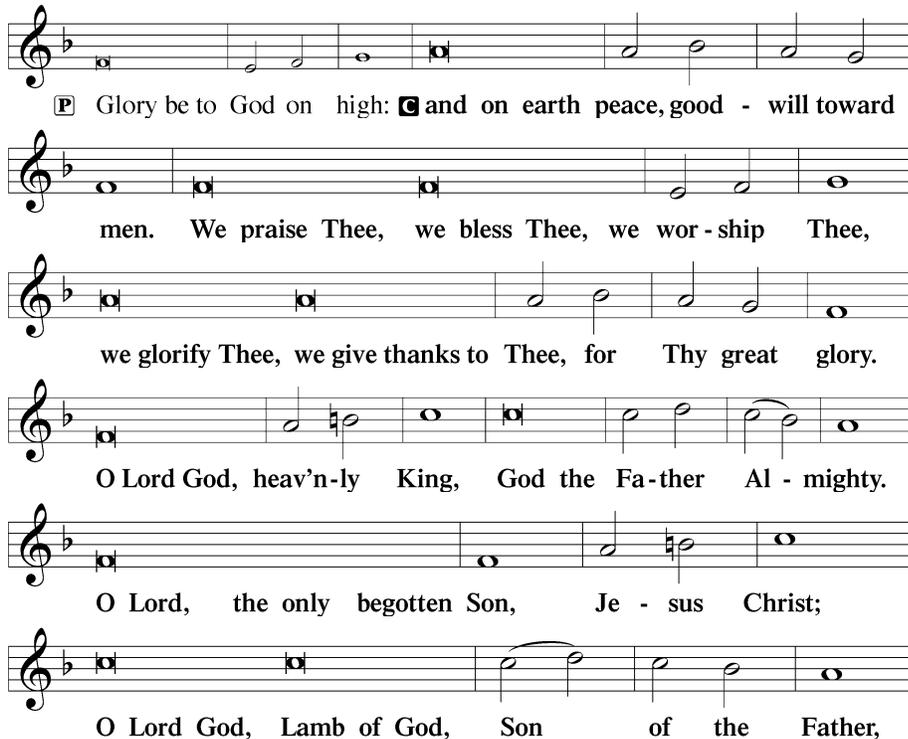
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Mark 10:47



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 38:1-11

P The Old Testament Reading is from Job, chapter 38.

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?’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

The pastor and congregation chant responsively by half-verse.



Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and His greatness is un- | searchable.
On Your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare Your | greatness.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

P The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, chapter six.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Mark 4:41b



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him? Alleluia.

The alleluias are repeated.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35–41

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, He 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C 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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: Evening and Morning

LSB 726



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -

slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him

Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.
All I com - mit - to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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SERMON

Rev. Doug Griebenaw

After the sermon, the pastor may say:

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Philippians 4:7

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Kneel (or remain standing)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** In thanksgiving for His steadfast love and wondrous works to the children of men, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** That in this favorable time and day of salvation ushered in by Christ's incarnation, the grace of God would be received by all; and that God would support His ministers and remove all obstacles from believing the Word they preach, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the endurance of the Gospel with its blessings amid every hardship, struggle and suffering; and for the steady conviction that since we have Christ, we possess everything, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

P For Christian neighbors in our community and in each home, that our Father would open wide our hearts to one another; for love that is genuine, speech that is truthful and patience that is constant; and that He would enable us to commend ourselves in everything as those known by God’s love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all noble sciences that plumb the limits of the earth and the order of creation, which God has set; for students, professors, and researchers, that the Lord of all knowledge would give them joy in their discoveries and humility before His majesty; and that in everything the Holy Trinity may be acknowledged as our true God and Judge, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our civil servants, that they would gain respect for and recognition of God’s creation and its nature; and that they would use the authority given them from above in accordance with God’s good design for the world and not for the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who are beset by any need of mind, body, or soul, that, setting their fears aside, they would recognize our Lord’s care for all who are perishing; for peace to calm our troubled consciences; that God heed our prayers in spite of our faithlessness for the sake of His steadfast love, and teach us to trust fully in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church gathered in this place to receive Christ’s true body and most precious blood not doubt but firmly believe His Words, that the God who formed our world—maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible—is present for us and our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith in this most blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Holy Father, from Israel You have taken a tender sprig, Your chosen Messiah, Jesus, and planted Him on the mountain for our salvation. By His death on a tree You have reversed the curse of sin and brought life again to dry, dusty souls. Let us not despise Your Christ, His humility or His suffering, but bring us with all the faithful into the shade of His eternal rest; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The live-stream concludes with the following:

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

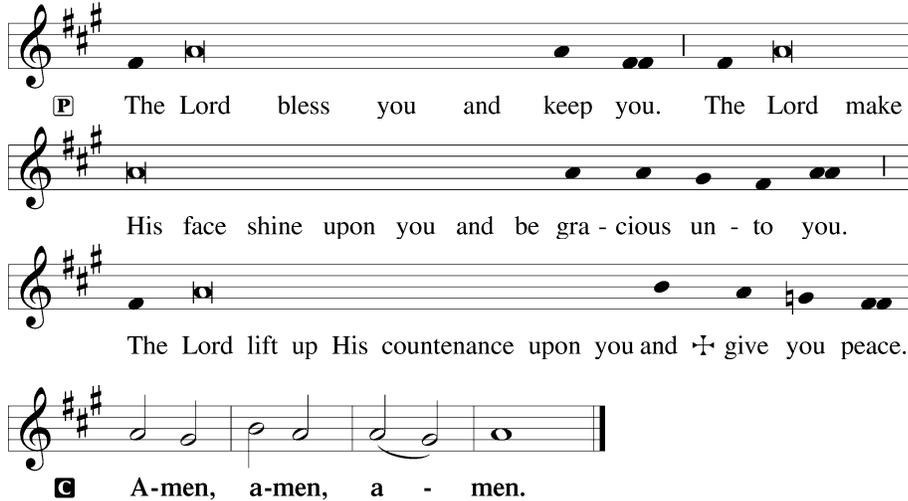
Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Divine Service continues with the Lord's Supper for those at the church. Please sing/read aloud the closing hymn. If you desire to receive Holy Communion, please text/call Pastor (he is usually at the church for a while on Sundays).

CLOSING HYMN: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling
joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Father's Day to all our dads and the men who have been father-figures to us all.

Here's a pic of my dad, my brother, and me from many moons ago in San Francisco. I love you, Papa!

And Happy Father's Day to our heavenly Father!

Dads are important (I don't think I'm telling you anything new there). But I was reading an article from NickCady.org titled "The Impact on Kids of Dad's Faith and Church Attendance."

The article talked about a study from Promise Keepers and Baptist Press that found only **ONE CHILD IN FIFTY** will become a regular worshipper later in life if the **FATHER DOES NOT GO TO CHURCH**, even if the mother is a regular attender.

On the other hand, if the **FATHER GOES REGULARLY**, regardless of what the mother does, **BETWEEN TWO-THIRDS AND THREE-QUARTERS** of their children will attend as adults. Even if the **FATHER ATTENDS IRREGULARLY**, again regardless of what the mother does, **BETWEEN HALF AND TWO-THIRDS** of the kids will attend with some regularity as adults.

Amongst all the data they collected, this finding stuck out most to me: if a **MOTHER ATTENDS** but the **FATHER DOES NOT**, then **TWO-THIRDS** of their children **WILL NOT ATTEND** as adults; however, if a **FATHER ATTENDS** but the **MOTHER DOES NOT**, **TWO THIRDS** of their children **WILL ATTEND** as adults.

So, yes, dads are important **ESPECIALLY IN THE FAITH!**

This shouldn't really surprise us or even shock us—the things that are important to Mom or Dad are important to the kids and if church is important to **MOM AND DAD**, then kids know **CHURCH IS IMPORTANT!**

Anecdotally, let me share with you how my father called me back to the faith. I was a college student at the time and had endured one of the greatest heartbreaks of my young life. I was angry with God! I stopped praying and I stopped going to church. I refused even to say the word "god" in any setting. I had no intention of changing my ways but my father intervened and ask that I attend church with him.

Against my anger and sadness, I submitted to my father out of love for him and begrudgingly attended church. But let me be clear: I **ATTENDED** with my father but I did **NOT PARTICIPATE** in the service (outside of standing, sitting, kneeling, and such things where my obvious lack of participation would shame my father).

Obviously, things turned around for me (I am your called pastor after all) but this I credit to the Word preached and that I heard, even in my obstinance and anger, while attending with my father. My father never pressured me nor guilted me; he simply asked, as a father asks his child, to do something important for him: **ATTEND CHURCH.**

So I encourage you, fathers (and indeed all of you) to reach out to your kids or siblings or friends who have been absent from church or have wandered from the faith and ask them to come to church with you. It doesn't matter if the child is an adult—just ask them to come because you want their company for something important. Just ask them to come and let the Word of God do its work to enliven the soul and engender saving faith.

Speaking of the Word! . . . Please join me for our **study of the Psalms every Tuesday at Noon on "Zoom."** We'll be studying **Psalm 46** this week. And then tune-in or come by for our **short prayer service on Wednesday night at 7:00pm.**

- To join the study on your computer, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7603525715>
- To join by phone, call either "669-900-9128" or "346-248-7799" and enter 7603525715#
- The password for computer and telephone is "12345"

Lastly, please continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box: Evangelical-Lutheran Church, PO Box 1530, El Centro, CA 92244-1530.

Yours in Christ Jesus, +Pastor Griebenaw

