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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Joyfully Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all
generations, wherever they may be'*

Theme of the Day: A good pilot knows how to get people safely through the storm and all the way home. This is true for Job. And all the more so, it is true for **us!**

Sixth Week of Lent

Divine Service Four (pp 203ff)

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” *LSB 423 vs 1-2*

Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner’s deep distress.

Invocation

LSB 203

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

C **Amen.**

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

Confession and Forgiveness

P God of thundering glory and wondrous love

C **You laid the earth’s foundation.**

P You marked off its dimensions.

- C** You laid its cornerstone.
- P** You shut the sea behind doors.
- C** **And so to you we lay bare the thoughts and desires of our hearts.**
- P** We have sinfully insisted that we are in control
- C** **We are bound to fatal attractions that lead us to think that we are in charge.**
- P** From the midst of our storm hear our broken cries.
- C** **For we have no other hope.**
- P** The God who is with Job in his storm is the same God who in Christ joins you in your storm. Jesus died on a cross, bled for your sins and hung forsaken by his Father. Because of Jesus you are cleansed, healed, forgiven and made new.
- C** **I know that my Redeemer lives!**

Hymn

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” LSB 423 vs 3

Jesus, may our hearts be burning
 With more fervent love for You;
 May our eyes be ever turning
 To behold Your cross anew
 Till in glory, parted never
 From the blessed Savior’s side,
 Graven in our hearts forever,
 Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray together..
- C** **God of magnificent power and might, just as you spoke to Job in the storm, speak now in our storms so that we have courage for the living of these days; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Today’s Scripture Lessons Reflect the Theme of God’s Speaking in the Storm

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³ Dress 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. ⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when 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, ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and 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.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

¹ Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² 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. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 8:22-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

☞ Glory to You, O Lord.

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, ²³ and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴ And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

☞ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Message Song

"Built on the Rock" *LSB 645*

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,

All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.

He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.

Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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Message

"A Good Pilot"

Offering

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Prayers of the Church

- P** Father, you inhabit eternity.
- C** **The heavens declare your glory and the earth announces your beauty.**
- P** Your presence fills the universe and yet in Christ you come to us with compassion and mercy
- C** **Help us find light in our darkness.**
- P** Joy in our sorrow.
- C** **Healing in our sickness.**
- P** And your great grace that covers a multitude of our sins.
- C** **We surrender control to you.**
- P** Trusting that you will get us safely through the storm and all the way home.
(Additional Prayers)
- P** Dear Father, hold us tight in your fierce love, a love that gives sense to all our days, and hope to all our years. We pray in Christ's holy name.
- C** **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

Blessing

- 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.**

Closing Song

"Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832 vs 1, 2 & 5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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