

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the diverse people of God.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Giver of Life, in the midst of life exploited by greed and abuse of power.

Have mercy on us.

Giver of Life, in the midst of life shortened by hate and exclusion.

Have mercy on us.

Giver of Life, in the midst of life destroyed by war and conflict.

Have mercy on us.

Giver of Life, in the midst of life groaning for fullness and dignity.

Have mercy on us.

Giver of life, you created us all in your image and we squandered this gift of life. And the whole humanity and creation lament with us.

Have mercy on us.

When God created the whole creation. God saw that it was good. God loved it. And continues to love all. May the giver of life make all things new through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to advocate and love our neighbors, all of them. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* (ELW 756)

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1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (ELW 847)

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1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 “Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
 and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Naming God, you sent your Beloved Child to us to dissolve the binaries between clean and unclean, holy and unholy, human and divine, saved and unsaved, and even death and life. Grant that we, following in your Child’s footsteps, may see our whole lives as Scripture, so the coming of your Kin-dom may be witnessed in the way we love one another beyond binaries. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Companion and Protector.

Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 17:32-49 (Linda Dunn)

In this passage, the description of the soldier Goliath vividly depicts the superiority of Philistine military might. In contrast, young David is armed with a slingshot and faith in God. David’s victory witnesses to the whole earth that “there is a God in Israel.”

A reading from 1 Samuel.

³²David said to Saul, “Let no one’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” ³³Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” ³⁴But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.” ³⁷David said, “The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you!”

³⁸Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴²When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." ⁴⁵But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand."

⁴⁸When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 9:9-20 (Linda Dunn)

⁹You, O LORD, will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble.

¹⁰**Those who know your name will put their trust in you,
for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.**

¹¹Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion;
proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.

¹²**The avenger of blood will remember them
and will not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

¹³Be gracious to me, O LORD;
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, you that lift me up from the gates of death;

¹⁴**so that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation
in the gates of the city of Zion.**

¹⁵The nations have fallen into the pit they dug;
in the snare they set, their own foot is caught.

¹⁶**The LORD is revealed in acts of justice;
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.**

¹⁷The nations go down to the grave, all the peoples that forget God.

¹⁸**For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor shall the hope of the poor be taken away.**

¹⁹Rise up, O LORD, let not mortals have the upper hand;
let the nations be judged before you.

²⁰**Put them in fear, O LORD;
let the nations know they are but mortal.**

KIDS' MESSAGE

(Allen Dunn)

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

(Linda Dunn)

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.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

(Pastor Ron Zielske)

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.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “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?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *Through the Storms* (Pastor Ron Zielske)



HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Savior Pilot Me* (ELW 755)



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world and confess our shared faith using the words of 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Linda Dunn)

With the whole earth, let us lift our hearts and voices in prayer.
For our planet and all creation. Shield those places in danger, inspire us to protect the earth.
We pray especially for the victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, and flooding around the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest.
Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For people in our lives and those unknown to us who need healing, care and compassion,
especially the hungry, those without homes, the refugee, and the stranger. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who need hope. For those who feel excluded. For those who are
experiencing dysphoria. For all to know they are beloved by God, and worthy of love. Lord, in your
mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are
experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers
that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them
knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this
assembly. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to
be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers,
and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The congregation may offer additional prayer concerns either aloud or in the chat box

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

*We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness
we return to God a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us.
Thank you so much for your continued support in these unusual times.*

If you are worshiping with us onsite,
please place your offerings into the basket on the back table as you leave today.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Creator of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the people of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

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.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

COMMUNION

If you are joining us online,
you welcome to take communion in your home or to be in a time of prayer.

If you are worshiping with us onsite,
please follow the directions of Pastor Ron and the ushers.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May we who have fed at Wisdom's table take her welcome out
to where tables are reserved, and doors are closed.

May the Spirit drive us to break our bread on the altar of the world.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God invites us into Their future,
where the One who makes all things new has made Their home among us.

We are called and chosen,
together embraced by God

in whom tears,

mourning,

crying,

pain,

oppression,

unwelcome,

and even death will be no more.

Remember God's future of a re-imagined church,

for this is our story.

May the God of dreamers and visionaries bless you and keep you.

Amen

SENDING SONG

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(ELW 763)



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

DISMISSAL

Go in peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God and we will!

ANNOUNCEMENTS