

**MESSAGE SONG “I’ve Got Peace like a River”**

(sts. 1-3)

1. I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

2. I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3. I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

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**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

**“PEACE, BE STILL”**

*(Text: Mark 4:39)*

*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**(Please stand)**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus 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**

**BENEDICTION**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. Amen.**

**(Please sit)**

**CLOSING SONG “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”**

*LSB 729 (sts. 1-6)*

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

**\* \* \* TO GOD BE THE GLORY \* \* \***

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**Music** Lisa Olson  
**Elder** Wayne Meyer  
**Worship Assistant** Bill Kirkpatrick  
**Lectors** Negaards  
**Soundboard** Braxton/Neal Weeg  
**Greeters** Cameron & Nick Duskin,  
Duane Schlobohm  
**Ushers** Bob Blume, Neal Weeg

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**THE CONNECTION**

June 23, 2024 10:30am

**PRELUDE / WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

**WORSHIP SONG “Jesus, Lead Thou On”**

*LSB 718 (sts. 1-4)*

**(Please stand)**

**INVOCATION**

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

**C. Amen**

**CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ’s sake.

**C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**(Please sit)**

## FIRST READING *Job 38:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

L. Here ends the first reading.

## SECOND READING *2 Corinthians 6:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;

<sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich;

as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

L. Here ends the second reading.

**(Please stand)**

## GOSPEL READING *Mark 4:35-41*

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

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles’ Creed*

**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**

**(Please sit)**

## TITHES & OFFERING

*(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)*

## PARTS OF LITURGY - WORD OF GOD AND SERMON

P. Frequently we conclude the reading of Holy Scripture with the phrase, “This is the Word of the Lord!” More than just a “word” from God, this is His revelation in which He makes known to us His will, most specifically, His merciful will that desires our salvation.

Ultimately, this word points us to the Word, the incarnate Son of God. He is God’s final and full revelation to us, the mirror of the Father’s heart.

That is the point that the writer to the Hebrews makes in the opening verses of his epistle: “In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets, but now in these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son” (Heb. 1:1-2a).

Only through Him — God’s only Son — are we able to know the Father’s favor and grace.

In the sermon, the Word of God is brought to bear on the lives of the hearers. This is the equivalent of sitting at the feet of Jesus. But it’s more than mere instruction.

Through the sermon, God speaks to us with His two-edged sword of condemnation and promise, Law and Gospel. The subject of the sermon is both God and us.

Through the sermon we come to a better understanding of ourselves, especially our need for God’s forgiveness. But we also come face to face with God’s mercy and love.

Week after week, God’s faithful hear the voice of their Good Shepherd, preparing them, in a sense, for that final day when Jesus calls them to their eternal reward.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE