

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

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.

Today the church commemorates Onesimos Nesib, a translator and evangelist who died in 1931.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

ELW 632

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

P The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God Almighty! ELW 413

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God of creation,

C: 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. Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

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? ⁸Or 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?”

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

(Read Responsively)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the ¹LORD is good,
for God's mercy en-¹dures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the ¹LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand ¹of the foe,**

³gathering them in ¹from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and ¹from the south.

²³**Some went down to the ¹sea in ships,
plying their trade ¹in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works ¹of the LORD,
God's wonderful works ¹in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy ¹wind arose,
which tossed high the waves ¹of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended ¹to the depths;
their souls melted away ¹in their peril.

²⁷**They staggered and ¹reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of ¹no avail.**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried ¹ to the LORD,
and you delivered them from ¹ their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm ¹ to a whisper
and silenced the waves ¹ of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when ¹ it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor ¹ they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your ¹ steadfast love
and your wonderful works ¹ for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly ¹ of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing ¹ hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul writes of the great hardships and calamities that he has faced, yet he is able to rejoice because what appears to be loss is great gain.

As 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, because 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.

When 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?"

P. The Gospel of Our Lord
C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"* **ELW 763**

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.**

THE PRAYERS

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for this church: open our eyes to your presence and strengthen our faith. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for creation: renew it by wind and rain and teach us to care for it with you. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for our world: still the storms of strife and war; bring the calm of your peace. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for fathers and all who provide fatherly care: bless and keep them in your love always. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for all those in need: the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, and the sick, especially Lou Hagadorn. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for your Church throughout the world: may your presence be made known in the gatherings of your people. We pray especially for the Seeds of Faith Parish: Peace in Albert, Emmanuel in Hoisington, First in LaCrosse, Hope in Rush Center, and Garfield Lutheran in Garfield. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: We give you thanks for all who have shared the gospel, and now rest with you, especially Onesimus Nesib, whom we commemorate today. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, you hear us when we cry to you. We commend to your embrace all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Holy God,

C: you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above.

Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, saying:

C: Holy Lord, Mighty God, Lord of All, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Lord, come, save your people.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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 Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*”
“*Fatih of Our Fathers*”

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Gracious God, in this meal you have rained down the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of your beloved Son. So by this promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

“*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*”

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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