

Fifth Sunday in Pentecost

Sunday June 24th, 2018



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.

Hymns and Music for Today:

Prelude: *Die goldne Sonne* setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Gathering Hymn: ELW 761 – Evening and Morning

Hymn of the Day: ELW 763 – My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Offertory: *Kremser* setting by Healey Willian

Communion: ELW 773 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand
ELW 785 – When Peace Like a River

Sending Song: ELW 870 – We Praise You, O God

Postlude: *Fanfare on Melita* – Wayne Wold

Assisting with worship today:

Presiding Minister: *The Rev. Mary J. Konopka*

Director of Music: *Emily Ballentine Erb*

Assisting Minister: *Joe Jacovino*

Altar Guild: *Pam Keebler*

Communion Assistant: *LJ Kriebel*

Ushers: *Meagan & Aaron Moul*

Reader: *Gail Penman*

Counters : *Susan Jacovino & Lara Hoffman*

Nursery: *The Hoffmans*

Offering Recorder: *Pam Keebler*

Acolyte: *Gavin Kriebel*

Fellowship Hour: *The Schreiters*

Altar Flowers: *In gratitude & thanksgiving for the life of Luella Claffey*

Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, 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.**

Word

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

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Brace yourself like a warrior, 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?

⁸“Or 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?’”

Psalmody | Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32



You stilled the storm and si - lenced the waves of the sea.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love**

and your wonderful works | for all people.

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people;
of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah! **R**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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.

¹As we work together with God, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For God 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.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41

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.

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?"

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark's

New Bulletin Format

This summer, we have changed our worship bulletin format for the summer to a re-usable liturgy booklet and take home announcement sheets. So be on the lookout next week to get some "new things" as you walk into worship next week. We hope this will be a paper saving effort over the summer as we learn to navigate through our ELW hymnals.

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can develop your faith life, learn about God and develop as disciples

Vacation Bible School

We are currently looking for leaders for our Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in serving as a leader for VBS this year, please speak with Pastor or Kim Kriebel.

**Dates: Sunday July 29 – August 2nd
6:30pm – 8:30pm**

RENEW 
Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.
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Illustrated Faith Books

Faith formation continues over the summer with our “Illustrated Faith books.” Each book contains a lesson of the week, a prayer, and a comic strip featuring our characters from our Sunday morning classes. Extra copies of the book are available on the back ledge of the sanctuary, so make sure to grab your copy and follow along with us.

Flat Jesus this summer

Jesus goes with us everywhere this summer! And to remind us, we are inviting folks to take flat Jesus with them to take pictures in their various travels to places. This summer we are featuring a twist with our flat Jesus, we invite you take selfies with other people that you meet this summer with your flat Jesus. Maybe it’s your neighbor, or a friend, the waitress at lunch, the flight attendant on a trip, or folks at the beach – let’s see how many people Flat Jesus can meet this summer! We then invite you to share those photos with pastor via email, Facebook, or text. We will feature our flat Jesus photos each week in the weekly pastor’s email. Can’t wait to see where all Jesus ends up this summer.

Service Ministry Announcements:

Learn about ways you can do God’s work with our hands

Now is a good time to enroll in electronic giving

Heading out of town this summer? Now is a great time to enroll in electronic giving to continue your support of our congregation. We wish our bills went away over the summer, but they don’t and regular consistent giving helps us maintain our budget for the year. To sign up – download the “Give+” app on either apple or android, search for St. Mark’s in Conshohocken (make sure you get the town, there are a few St. Mark’s churches) and then set up the amount and frequency of the offering; either one time, or on a recurring basis. As always thank you, for all that you do to support the work and ministry of St. Mark’s.

Collection Item for Colonial Neighborhood Council

Our local food bank is in particular need of tuna and canned chicken. If you can grab a can or two while you are doing your weekly grocery shopping, it would be a great way to provide for those in need this week!

Special Collection Envelope: The SPCA of Montgomery County

This month's Special Collection Envelope will benefit the Montgomery County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for unwanted, lost and abused domestic animals.

Established in 1909 and chartered in 1916, the Montgomery County SPCA (in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania), has three locations. The Conshohocken facility houses the administrative offices as well as small domestic animals. The Perkiomenville facility includes a pet cemetery (closed) and horse farm along with facilities for small animals. Our newest facility for small domestic animals is in Abington. Currently there's a special need for foster homes for underage kittens.

SPCA Hours of Adoptions: Monday thru Friday (11am to 4:30pm), Saturday (10am to 3pm)
Sunday (12pm to 3pm)

Evangelism / Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about ways that you can help spread the "Good News"

500 SEPA People Headed to 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

500 participants from churches in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod are heading to Houston June 27 to July 1 for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Some will be participating in pre-event gatherings including MYLE, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event of the ELCA and the tAble event for youth with disabilities. Please hold these youth and their adult leaders in prayer as they travel to (and from) and experience the Gathering.



Later this month close to 30,000 high school youth will gather in Houston for the tri-annual National Youth Gathering. While we don't have youth in this age group to go this time, we will soon!! Our Synod is sending over 500 youth to the gathering and as a way to surround these youth who will be going as ambassadors of our faith to the people of Houston, we are inviting folks to pray for them by name. At church is a basket of envelopes with a prayer bracelet and a youth name that we are asking you to take and pray this month as that youth prepares for the Gathering. To find out more about the National Youth Gathering check out their website: <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>.

This Week @ St. Mark's:

Monday	<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday	<i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm: Cub Scouts</i>
Wednesday	<i>10am – Noon</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>8:30pm: HH AA Group</i>
Thursday	<i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>6pm: Dinner Church</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
Friday	<i>10am – noon</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>6:30pm: AA / Al-Anon</i> <i>8:30pm HH AA Group</i>
Saturday			<i>7pm: AA Group</i>
Sunday		<i>9:30am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:30am – Fellowship Hour</i>	<i>7pm: HH AA Group</i>

Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister: Sheldon Erb
Communion Assistant: Karen Hanna
Reader:
Nursery: The Fiores
Acolyte:
Altar Guild: Stef Conklin/Sandy Portzer
Ushers: Pam Keebler/ Joanne Copestick
Counters: Matt Fiore, Rhea Moore
Offering Recorder: Pam Keebler
Fellowship Hour:

Readings for next week: July 1st

Lamentations 3:22-33 *Great is the LORD's faithfulness*

Psalms 30 *I will exalt you, O LORD ...*

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 *Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus*

Mark 5:21-43

Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter