

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 19, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

4101 Washington Street NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

+ CONNECT +

INVOCATION:

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PEACE IN THE STORM (from Psalm 46, Psalm 124, Mark 4):

L: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

C: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

ALL: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

**Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life’s tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach’rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist’rous waves obey thy will When thou say’st to them, “Be still!”
Wondrous Sov’reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar
‘Twist me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on thy breast,
May I hear thee say to me, “Fear not, I will pilot thee.”**

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L: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;

C: **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”**

ALL: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

L: If the LORD had not been on our side the flood would have engulfed us,

C: **The torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away.**

ALL: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

L: Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!”

C: **Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.**

ALL: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

“Stand by Me”

Voice

When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me; When the
In the midst of trib - u - la - tions, stand by me; In the
In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me; In the

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storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me; When the world is toss - ing me like a
midst of trib - u - la - tions, stand by me; When the hosts of hell as - sail, and my
midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me; When I just can't mea - sure up, guilt and

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ship up - on the sea; Thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.
strength be - gins to fail, Thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, stand by me.
sor - row fill my cup, Thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me.

In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
Thou who saved' Paul and Silas, stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.
When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O Thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: We serve a God who knows everything and can do anything. We would have every right to be intimidated in His presence. But He invites us lovingly to come boldly into his presence. Let's do that now.

C: **God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place out trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the mission to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE: “How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply.

**The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**Throughout all their lifetime my people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in my bosom be borne.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Lord of wind and water, of calmness and peace, be with us this day. Calm our fears as we face uncertain futures. Help us to relinquish control and to place our trust totally in you.**

L: Remind us to continue to faithfully work for good, with gratitude for the many blessings you have poured upon us. When the waves and torrents threaten us, let us again turn to you, remembering your saving mercies and love.

C: **Give us courage to become disciples who can calm the seas of doubt and anger, bringing hope and peace. Give us courage to trust you, even when the storms continue to rage. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to

you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter four.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

MESSAGE: "What's on the Other Side?" – Pastor Bill Hugo

SONG OF THE DAY: "Firm Foundation"

CHORUS

F B \flat Csus
Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion, —

3 F B \flat C
I know I can stand — se - cure; —

5 Dm 7 F B \flat Asus A
Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion, —

7 B \flat F C Dm 7
I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word, —

9 B \flat F C F *Fine*
I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word. —

VERSE

MEN

11 F C/F F WOMEN: *echo* C/F F



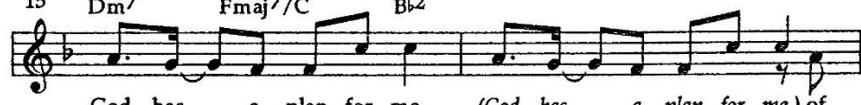
1. I have a liv - ing hope, (I have a liv - ing hope,)
2. Your Word is faith - ful, (Your Word is faith - ful,)

13 B \flat C F B \flat /D C/E F



I have a fu - ture; (I have a fu - ture;)
might - y in pow - er; (might - y in pow - er;)

15 Dm 7 Fmaj 7 /C B \flat 2



God has a plan for me, (God has a plan for me,) of
God will de - liv - er me, (God will de - liv - er me,) of

17 F/A Gm 7 B \flat /C D.C. *al Fine*



this I'm sure. (of this I'm sure.)
this I'm sure. (of this I'm sure.)

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CONFESSION 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.

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.

**Without your grace and favor I go astray
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.**

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