

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Just as We Are

Jesus spent a day beside the sea teaching, and then the disciples took him in a boat “just as he was” (*Mark 4:36*). These are easy words to skip past between the wisdom of parables and the stilling of the sea. After a day of teaching to the masses, Jesus was tired. Indeed, he fell asleep in the boat. Perhaps he was hungry. He was already being followed everywhere by an ever-growing crowd, given little time to himself for rest. It was Jesus, “just as he was,” who calmed the storm. This was not the transfigured Jesus or the resurrected Jesus, but the fully human (and fully divine) Jesus after a long day.

Psalm 139 reminds us that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (*v. 14*). Yet we often struggle to let people encounter us just as we are. Some of us have been conditioned to believe that “just as you are” is not good enough, smart enough, or worthy of attention, credit, or love. Others have been praised for perfection and must strive to maintain that image.

Most of us have some way of hiding bits of ourselves and our experiences. This may look like a wall of silence and a minimum of words, or a flood of information that reveals no more than the silence. We have all learned to live with a mixture of our own secrets, doubts, fears, and hopes. Our public selves reveal some, but not all, of who we are.

What if “just as we are” is exactly where we are most powerful and most able to bless others? What if “just as we are” is where we are most able to bring grace and peace to our families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors? Come to worship today just as you are, and know that is right where Jesus meets you and calls you into service.



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 20, 2021

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.



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GATHERING

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

Gathering Song

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Turn to face the processional cross at the entrance to the church.

Turn as the processional cross passes to the front during the singing.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

**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.

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.

Children's Word

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

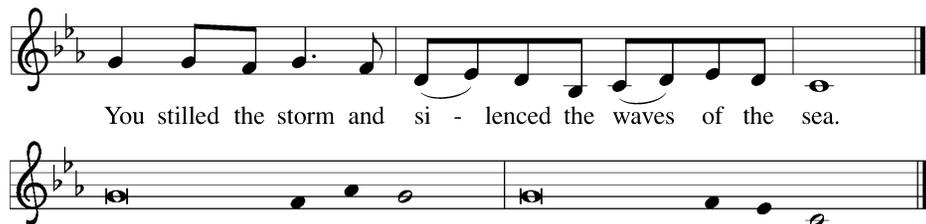
At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32



- 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.
- ²⁷They 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;
in the council 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.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Commemorations

Monday, June 21, 2021

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured and taken as a slave to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

Thursday, June 24, 2021

John the Baptist

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Friday, June 25, 2021

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Friday, June 25, 2021

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

Next Sunday's Readings

Lamentations 3:22-33 or Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Sending Song "In Christ Called to Baptize"
Turn to face the cross as it passes

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Dismissal
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Today's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Randy & Sue Mold
Organist: Dianne Kirchberg
Power Point: Brenda Taylor
Liturgist: Marlys Olson
Lector: Cindy Koepf
Acolytes: Alex Flaten & Chase Stream
Communion Assistants: Jean Hoffman, Colleen Larson, Yvonne Lind
Altar Guild: Deb Dahlberg & Yvonne Lind

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Nate & Chrissy Hahn
Song & Prayer Leaders: Praise Band
Power Point:
Lector: Desirae Dahlberg
Acolytes: Morgan Cummings & Leah Stavig
Communion Assistants: Pastor Jeri Bergquist, Deb Dahlberg, Maureen Sybrant
Altar Guild: Deb Dahlberg & Yvonne Lind

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: 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.

The gospel is announced:
The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.
The gospel concludes:
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Song of the Day "Children of the Heavenly Father" #781

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

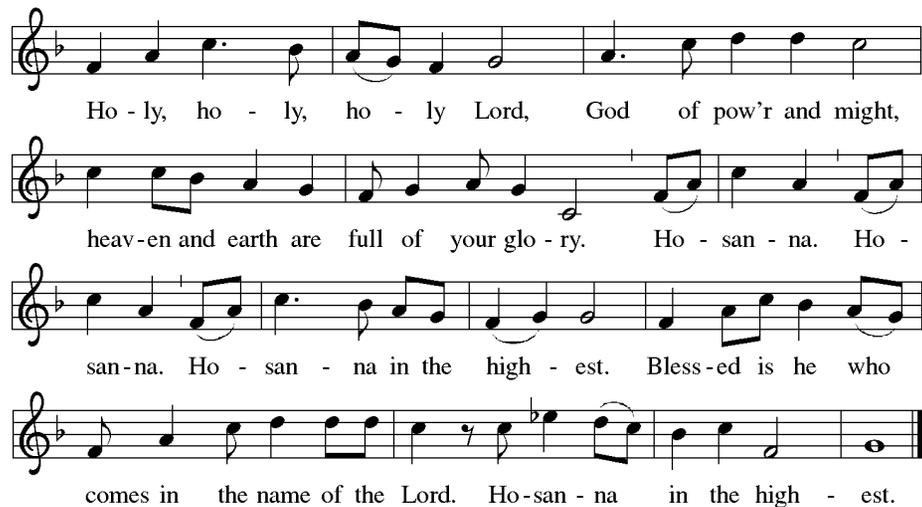
Offering

Our offering is a collection of money for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. Your offering and "Count Me In" may be placed in the basket as you come forward for communion.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks...

After each prayer:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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.**

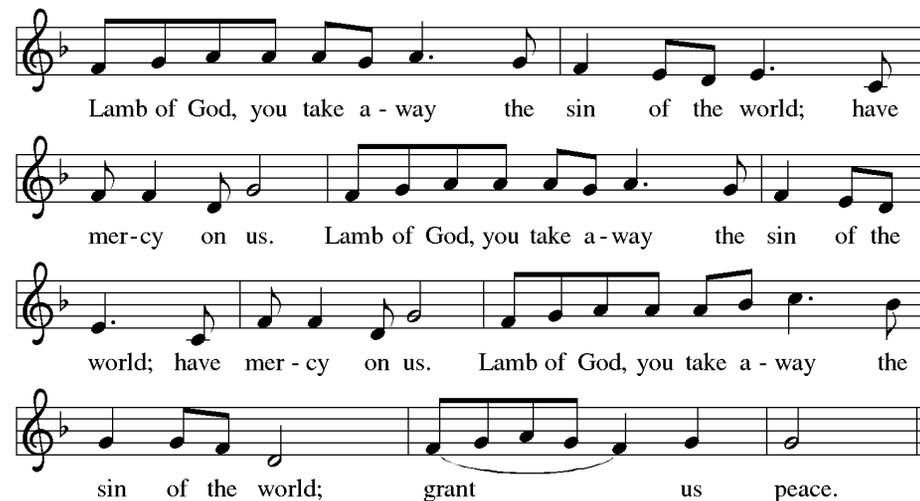
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

We celebrate at an open communion table. All who hear our Lord's invitation are welcome to participate. You will be dismissed by row to receive the bread and wine at the altar rail. Children who have received age-appropriate instruction are welcome to commune. If participating from your vehicle, please pull up to the church entrance with the driver's side facing the front door.

Communion Songs



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.

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.