# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 24, 2018 - 10:45 AM



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.

## **G.I.F.T. Zone Opportunity For Parents & Young Children**

We introduce our kid-friendly worship experience, located in the left-hand transept area of the main sanctuary. For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly worship furniture plus adult chairs for parents. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area with your child following the Children's Message. During this middle section of the service, Deacon Lexanne Graves will be in the area to guide parents and children through activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way to keep children engaged in worship with the whole congregation - and learn the liturgy until they are able to worship in the pews for the entire service. We offer the G.I.F.T. Zone so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for those yet unable to benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities.)



# **Living Springs Lutheran Church**

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#### **SUMMER GATHERING SONGS**

Our gathering time through the summer will include a hymn sing with music selected by you! Baptismal Anniversaries: Marlene Jorgensen (6/30), Irene Tracy (6/30) (Individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing in recognition of their anniversary.)

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS











We stand as able

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding

in steadfast love.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one

another.

(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)

Pastor: Eternal God our creator,

People: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your

children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Pastor: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus

Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

People: Amen.

#### **COMMISSIONING LITANY—2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING**



Jack ArnoldMatthew LandersLeslie BlossWalker FloresCaroline MooreChase MoodyElijah HarrisAustin PadgettPastor Eric Fink

Emma Harris Laura Stuart

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

**Pastor**: Today we bless and send these young people and adults as they leave for the ELCA Youth Gathering and encounter the Holy Spirit in new and amazing ways, We know that...

ALL: THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

Congregation: We thank the Holy Spirit for calling you to travel, worship, serve, learn, and play alongside 30,000 other participants and those you will meet along the way.

Gathering Participants: God's call changes everything.

Congregation: In the Old Testament God told Joshua, "...the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." And in the New Testament, Jesus told his disciples, "... remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." We remind you, and ourselves, that God is speaking to us through these verses as well.

Gathering Participants: God's love changes everything.

Congregation: The writer of Ephesians tells us, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." When you are challenged through this experience or when you doubt your strength and skills, remember that you are enough because of Christ.

Gathering Participants: God's grace changes everything.

Congregation: We already look forward to welcoming you home. As you realize how God has used this experience to transform you, know that we, your faith community, are ready to hear the new hope you have for the world, our community and church. We hope that you will be open to sharing your stories with us and that we will be open to being changed by the stories you tell.

Gathering Participants: God's hope changes everything.

**Pastor**: Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for calling these young people and the adult leaders who will accompany them to the ELCA Youth Gathering. As you have shown your love by sending your Son to live among us, we pray that your Spirit help those we send also be an expression of your presence in the world. We know and we thank you that...

ALL: JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING, AMEN.

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor:

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.

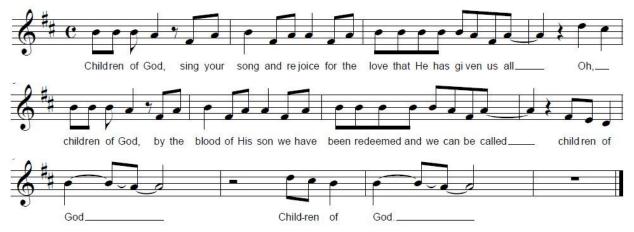
People: Amen.

We are seated

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jan Berger

Children, youth, and young at heart are invited to gather on the steps for a special message. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the bucket collection (currently RICH Learning Summer Art & Reading Camp). Following the message, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service. As the children gather, we sing:



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#### FIRST READING

Lector:

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A reading from Job.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?" (Job 38:1-11)

Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32

Lector: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,

for God's mercy endures forever.

**People:** Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

Lector: gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People: Some went down to the sea in ships,

plying their trade in deep waters.

Lector: They beheld the works of the LORD,

God's wonderful works in the deep.

People: Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,

which tossed high the waves of the sea.

Lector: They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;

their souls melted away in their peril.

People: They staggered and reeled like drunkards,

and all their skill was of no avail.

Lector: Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,

and you delivered them from their distress.

People: You stilled the storm to a whisper

and silenced the waves of the sea.

Lector: Then were they glad when it grew calm,

when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

People: Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love

and your wonderful works for all people.

Lector: Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;

People: in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!



#### SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For 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! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children open wide your hearts also. (2 Corinthians 6:1-13)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

We stand for the reading of the Gospel



#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

Pastor:

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But 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?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:35-41)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

We are seated

**SERMON** Rev. Eric Fink

We stand as able

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" ELW #756

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

People: 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.



### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Assist: Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as

we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

+ A brief silence +

Assist: Empowering God, you call your church to boldly proclaim your day of salvation.

Bring unity to the faithful and provide opportunities for collaboration as we bring your good news to the world. Let the youth of our churches hear your love for

them as they gather in Houston this coming week. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Creating God, you call forth life from the swirling waters of chaos, and you pour

out water that nourishes the earth. Send forth ample rain for crops to flourish. Speak peace wherever homes, towns, businesses, and lands are damaged by

hurricanes, floods, and tropical storms. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Powerful God, come to the aid of all nations and leaders who fear storms of

conflict, violence, or injustice. Raise up advocates and peacemakers to speak truth

and hope into the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Saving God, grant endurance and comfort to all who suffer from grief, affliction,

hardship, hunger, violence, or sleepless nights of pain or anxiety. Give your promise of healing to all who long for salvation, especially *Stephanie Joyner; Kathleen Kowlaski; Shirley Danner; Michael Harris; Molly McMillan; the Young family; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* Lord, in your

mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Covenant God, you call us by name and claim us as your own. We pray for those

who prepare for baptism, those who have recently been baptized, and all who are

called by baptism into lives of proclamation and service. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Eternal God, we give thanks for all the saints who have commended themselves to

you in every way and who have endured in faith, especially John the Baptist, whom we commemorate today. Bring us at last to the acceptable time of salvation for all

creation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in

your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

#### **PEACE IS SHARED**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."

We are seated

#### THANKSGIVING MOMENT

#### **OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN**

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION "Cantad al Señor" (O Sing to the Lord)

arr. Kevin McChesney; JuBELLation Handbells



#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assist: Let us pray.

People: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every

living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor:

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Spirit of love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

People: 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.

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#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

**People: Thanks be to God.** 

We are seated

#### LAMB OF GOD



#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen."** If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. After receiving the elements, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the rail for meditation and prayer (others may simply fill in the open spaces). **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.



## **DISTRIBUTION SONG** "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail. And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and You won't start now.

And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,

Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander and my faith will be made stronger In the presence of my Savior (Repeat)

And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine.

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We stand after all have received communion

## **EUCHARISTIC BLESSING & PRAYER**

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

People: Amen

Assist: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but

your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of

peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

People: Amen

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or

imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, 🕂 Son, and

Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW #773

## **DISMISSAL**

Assist: Do Justice! Love Kindness! Walk Humbly with God!

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Left with a Question

Jesus did not ask the water-battered, wave-ravaged disciples why they were not robust enough to weather the storm. There are, however, enough other questions about the storm-on-the-sea story, like: "What's the deal with the other boats?" or "How could Jesus possibly sleep in such a gale?" or "Why mention that Jesus went 'just as he was'?"

Four questions are asked out in the boat. The first one, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" is sensible. It is more than just a wee bit unreasonable to ride out all the storms and traumas of our nights and days in sinking ships—foreclosures and layoffs, shootings, famine and floods, refugees on rafts, bloody battlefields, massacres in night clubs, abused children, neglected elders, hard deaths, easy injustices—without asking the sleeping Jesus, "Don't you care?" Who has not asked that very question? It is older that Job's complaints against God, who seemed too distant or too uncaring to be of any earthly good. It is the question that, despite rebukes for daring to ask it, will not go away. And it shouldn't—should it? No easy answer flutters forth on swift and gentle wings.

As for the other questions, "Why are you afraid?" Seriously? Just look at the sea! Reason enough. And, "Still no faith?" To be fair, didn't even Jesus, near death, have a scrimmage with doubt, crying "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34).

But it is the disciples' demanding last question that lingers beyond the storm: "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:41). It is the reflection of a question Jesus was yet to ask: "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29). This question we too are left to answer.



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# Pentecost Seasonal **Emphasis**

Koly, Koly, Koly is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! Isaiah 6:3

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#### **WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!**

We greet all who worship in the name of the Risen Savior! May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone, through the grace shown to the world in Jesus.

We gather as a community of disciples. Our center is Jesus Christ, and we are here to know and share the blessing of his forgiving, healing hand. If you have any questions about our congregation, please call 736-0661, drop by our office (M - F 8:30-4:30) or visit our website at www.livingspringscolumbia.org.

**WELCOME GUESTS!** – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the blue slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

**BULLETIN BLUE SLIPS** - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Members, please complete at least one blue slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of your communing.

**SEASONAL NAME TAG** – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (*please make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail*).

**RESTROOMS** — are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations. For your child's safety, please accompany them when they leave the Sanctuary to use the restrooms.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS -** are now available, please see an usher or greeter.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** – The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

**GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE—** are available during communion, for those who desire either.

**G.I.F.T. ZONE** - is a special area in our worship space for parents and young children who wish to worship together with more child-friendly furniture and special resources to utilize during worship.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** – are distributed during the children's sermon.

**NURSERY** — is available for infants-3 years old during the 10:45 Worship Service; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

**CHILD SAFETY** — is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision. During the week, church doors are kept locked to maintain security for our Preschool. Please ring the intercom by the office doors to check in.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME** – is held each week following the 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service, inside the education building.

**OUR PRAYER MINISTRY** – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the bulletin blue sheet and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office). Please indicate if your request is for public or private prayer.