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"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 20, 2021

June 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG (*verses 1&4*)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)

We Rejoice in the Grace of God

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and joyful, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "We re-joyce in the grace of God poured up-on our lives; lov-ing-kind-ness has come to us be-cause of Je-sus Christ. We re-joyce in the grace of God, our hearts o-ver-flow. What a joy to know the grace of God!"

We re-joyce in the grace of God poured up-on our lives;
lov-ing-kind-ness has come to us be-
cause of Je-sus Christ. We re-joyce in the
grace of God, our hearts o-ver-flow.
What a joy to know the grace of God!

Text: Steve Cook and Vicki Cook

Music: WE REJOICE IN THE GRACE, Steve Cook and Vicki Cook

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

A reading from Job.

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?

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?

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’?”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

(Read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

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.**

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.**
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!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

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

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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?"

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

SERMON

PASTOR BILL

HYMN OF THE DAY (verses 1&3)

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860
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Please stand if you are able.

Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Please respond.)*

P: Lord, in your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERATORY *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The music features a treble clef, a 7/8 time signature, and includes triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on several staves.

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

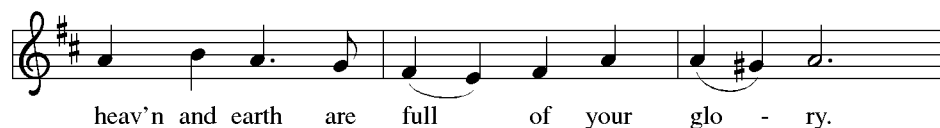
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher, maintaining your distance. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Return to your seat.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

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.

SENDING SONG (verses 1&4)

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Stewardship Thought - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, **June 20, 2021**

“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 6:11-13

The give-and-take of relationships rarely stays in perfect 50/50 balance, but rather shifts constantly. Sometimes we give more, and sometimes we need more from others. How do you see your relationships playing out in this post-Covid world? Are you willing to be more flexible?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God in celebration of our 33rd Wedding Anniversary given by Wayne and Marjorie Dale.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

2021 Altar Flowers Chart—Kimberly will not be posting the new altar flowers chart as usual. INSTEAD, please call her to reserve your special Sunday! **Flowers will now be purchased from Royer’s Florist in Chambersburg. Please note the price will change to \$35.** For the price of two flower arrangements, you can give glory to God with the beauty of His creation on the altar; commemorate a loved one; and if you choose, have your flowers given to someone who is homebound or recovering from surgery or illness.

Prayer requests for the following persons *Courtney Shreiner, Kristy Nienstedt, Patsy Wildeson, Linda Hoke, Mary Ellen Bower, Carol Pugh, Joe Mock, Bill Brindle, Jamie, Nelle Mummert, Darrell Veilleux, Tom Black, Phyllis Foreman, April Hughes, Larry Lehman, Bud Armstrong, Gertie Reichard, Manny Negron, Dee Dee Fox, Jody Swartz, Quentin, Linda Small Naus, Barbara Socks, Denise Bowen, Anne English, Millie Kulkusky, Jackson, Bonnie Hudson*. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Note:** At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

Vacation Bible School's "ROCKY RAILWAY" June 21 - 25, 2021 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Kids: 3 yrs. – 6th grade. Celebration Sunday will be June 27th during our Worship Service in the SFC. Come join the fun!

2021 Summer Camp information is available in the pamphlet rack in the narthex for those who are interested.

Personal Care Kits: Social Ministry will begin collecting items to create Personal Care Kits during the month of June. Items needed are:

- One light weight bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz any brand in original wrap
- One adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- One sturdy comb like the one on display in the Sunday school room
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

You may purchase any item or items from the list and place them in the gray tote in the Sunday school room.

The **annual SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary membership drive** will continue through the summer months. Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. The auxiliary is grateful for the generous support we have received. This enables the Auxiliary to make donations to the many important programs and services at The Village at Luther Ridge. If you would like to join the auxiliary or need more information, contact Becky Pecha.

Power Packs: The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need is an on-going project. Please consider donating individual serving size fruit and vegetable cups. See Pastor Bill if you would like to give a monetary donation.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are located in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Council Minutes, Monthly Financial Statement and Committee Minutes are available in the library for anyone to read.

JUNE 20, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus listens to and calms our fears.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea
Monday	Job 38:1-11	God's rebuke of Job
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	How Paul served God
Wednesday	Psalms 46:1-11	God is our refuge
Thursday	Genesis 17:15-21	Abraham and Sarah
Friday	Isaiah 41:1-10	Israel's assured of God's help
Saturday	Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32	God saves those in distress
Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But [Jesus] was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and [the disciples] woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" **Mark 4:38 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of wind and seas, help us to trust in your power and steadfast love that we may give you praise and serve our neighbor in love through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Living God, we thank you for this gift of food, a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with awe at the power and love of God.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time you were scared.
- When do you think of God more, during good times or bad times? Explain.
- The sea with its awesome views and power is like a parable of how life is filled with both beauty and danger. Where do you see beauty and danger in life? In faith?

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shepherd Me, O God



DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 4:35-41.

The disciples are beside themselves with fear. The wind is howling; the waves are crashing over their little boat in a large and churning sea. It seemed like the end for them all. They wake up Jesus with a chorus of screaming cries, “Don’t you care that we are going to die?” Jesus describes this as an example of having no faith. After noting their serious limitations as disciples, he calms the wind and the sea. At this point in the story, Jesus exits the discussion and the disciples simply marvel at the power of their teacher. This is the scene of the life of faith. It, too, is a kind of parable, the kind that Jesus had just told his followers. A living and real faith is like being on the waters and vacillating between sheer fear and trembling and simple awe. Although the full breadth of faith experiences from disbelief to true adoration is hard to fathom, it is the life we live. Jesus knows this; Jesus accepts this; Jesus leads us from valley lows to mountain highs with the same understanding, love, and saving grace. When have you experienced serious doubts in your faith? When have you experienced the pure joy of being a follower of Jesus?

Pray: **Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy that cares for us day and night with power and grace through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

The disciples were afraid in the stormy, churning sea. The oceans provide food for billions of people. Catching large numbers of fish can be an exhausting and dangerous job. Pray for those who work on the seas including those who fish as well as those who provide security as part of the Coast Guard and Navy.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This Sunday is Father’s Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about and give thanks for the lives of all men who parent or otherwise care for and protect our children. Conclude by praying: **Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for and protect us. We especially give thanks for [names of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.**