

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

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

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***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 blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon
you now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran
Church
Wilton, WI

5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2024

**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family**

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.

****(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)***
Announcements

Gathering

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

***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,
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.**

***Hymn “When Peace like a River” ELW #785**

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***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.

***PEACE**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 190

*LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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

Karen Sparling
Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” ELW#756

***Apostles’ 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.**

Word

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

First Reading

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.

A reading from Job 38:1-11

- 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 107:1-3, 23-32

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures 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

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.

A reading from 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

- 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 impos-
tors, 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
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**

“Alleluia”

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***GOSPEL READING**

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 holy gospel according to Mark 4:35-41

Glory to you, O Lord.

- ³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go
across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took