

Sunday, June 20, 2021 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## Trinity's Weekly Connection

Join us for live streaming of our "Virtual Worship" service for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost from Centennial Hall on Sunday, June 20 at 9:15 a.m. If you are unable to join us at that time, be welcome to access the service at your convenience via Trinity's YouTube channel. Instructions for that access are below.

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- Follow the home page link to "Virtual Worship" on Trinity's website, select "video" and you will be connected to the stream.

OR

- Go to YouTube, either by opening the app on your phone or by visiting the webpage on your computer.
- Search for 'Trinity Lutheran Church Grand Rapids.' The first option should be one with a picture of our cross tower (that is our channel).
- When you click on it you will be brought to our channel. If the service is live (from about 9:10 to 10:20 a.m. on Sunday morning) there will be a video with 'Live Now' on it.
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### Prayer of the Day for the 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

### Prayer for Health Care Providers

Merciful God, your healing power is everywhere about us. Strengthen those who work among the sick; give them courage and confidence in all they do. Encourage them when their efforts seem futile or when death prevails. Increase their trust in your power even to overcome death and pain and crying. May they be thankful for every sign of health you give, and humble before the mystery of your healing grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Fran Anderson, Deb Bambini and family, George Bauer, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse and family, Kim Bradbury and family, Pat Bruin, Mike Danielski, Jack Danielson, John Derbin, Kim and Chris Engle and family, Kris Fox, Mari Franz, Mary Frick, Paul Getzin, Marge Greiner and family, Elena Griewahn, Adam Guigue, Craig Gunderson, Mark Hahn, John Hall, Denny Helzer and family, Jerry Hendricks, Sid and Carrie Hoeksema and family, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Christopher Keller, Susan Knoll, Jen Knowles, Roy Lamprich, Allison Landon and family, Greg Law, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legualt, Judy Mallen, Jessica Marks and Patti Patton and their families, Roger Marks, Mark and Rebecca Mattison and family, Peter McKinney, Marilyn Mellema, John and Karin Moglia and family, Christophe and Benita Muganza, Kenny Muganza, Michael Mulligan, Karen Nagle and family, Tim Neilson, Mary Jo Peterson and family, Kris Racek, Jacqueline Riegling, Lynn Rose, Petra Rotzell and family, Thiago Saliba, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Jim Searfoss, Joan Sellman, Neil and Sue Sendler and family, Matt and Kara Seyffert and family, Michael Smith, David and Mary Smoes and family, Joyce Snyder, Courtney Steketee and family, Gary and Pat Stevens and family, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Dale and Gale Volkerding and family, Richard Waite, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Eric Wollen, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, and Kathryn Zielinski.

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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*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.*

### 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.*

- <sup>1</sup>The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
- <sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
- <sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—  
<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup>and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

### 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.*

- <sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>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! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

### 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.*

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>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?" <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>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?"



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who share our ministry, including Pastor Zac Nelson the people of Calvary Lutheran Church in Elk Rapids, synod partners with us in mission and ministry. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all, you invite us to cherish our commonalities with people of other faiths, including our three "Standing Together" partner congregations here in Grand Rapids, Temple Emanuel, Masjid At-Tawheed and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest, including the Democratic Republic of Congo. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders, especially new Council officers Karen Unruh, Steve Heacock, Amy Fox, and Chris Engle. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**Amen.**



## Prayer for this time of pandemic and social upheaval

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Shepherd Me, O God*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### 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?

### 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.**



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