

# BERGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

June 20, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays



*Gathered in Faith - Sent to Serve*

**Healing Waters Parish**

Augustana • Bergen • St. Lucas



# Gathering

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

*\*\*Please stand for confession and forgiveness.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world.  
Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may  
bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*\*\*Please be seated.*

## Word

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

### FIRST READING: Jobs 38:1-11

*After Job and his companions have argued about the cause of Job's great suffering, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech; a grand vision of creation, God's ordering of the cosmos; 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?’”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 READ RESPONSIVELY.

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.**

<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril. <sup>27</sup>They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of <sup>l</sup> no avail. <sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from <sup>l</sup> their distress.

<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

<sup>31</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>32</sup>Let 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

*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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*\*\*Please stand.*

Alleluia. **Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation. Alleluia.** (2 Cor. 6:2).

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

## **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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?"

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

*\*\*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*\*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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 INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

*Please share the peace with a wave to your brothers and sisters in Christ.*

*\*\*Please be seated.*

## Meal

## 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.**

## 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.**

## Sending

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

## BLESSING

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

## SENDING HYMN

## DISMISSAL

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

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