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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 24, 2012 – 9:15 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Fannie K., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Ryan K., Bob C., George, Jamie and Luke D., Ed and Ann B., Don C., Sarah D., Sue K., Haylee Y., Ken A. M., Erin H., Tyler R., Elda Mae R., George H. Jr., and Ralph L.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

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.

Today the church honors John the Baptist.

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C Amen

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

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

*** SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

GATHERING

*** ENTRANCE HYMN** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

*** GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*** KYRIE (sung)**

P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.

P Chri-ste, e-le-i-son: C Christ, have mer-cy.

P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)**

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth.**

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE **(spoken)**

P *The Lord be with you*

C **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY **(spoken in unison)**

P *Let us pray...*

C **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**

WORD

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.

FIRST READING

A reading from Job 38:1-11

THE LESSON READS:

Then the 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'?"

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 **(Responsively)**

L – You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

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

²Let 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.

²³Some 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.

²⁵Then 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.

²⁹You 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.

³¹Let 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!

ALL – You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

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.

SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

THE LESSON READS:

As 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

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

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.

* GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "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?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') **(all)**

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

SPECIAL MUSIC

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer

now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God.

A brief silence.

P Deepen the faith of the church, that it may proclaim your peace amid the storms of life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Arouse the nations of the world to seek a peaceful resolution to violence, destruction, and terror. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Bring relief to all who suffer from the devastation of hurricanes, tornadoes, storms, or other natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Comfort all who live with fear, distress, doubt, or illness (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Ryan Keresey, Bob Cameron, Don Clark, Sarah Dressler, Luke Davis, Sue Kepner, Haylee Yocum, Ken A. Mummah, Erin Harris, Ray Bramm, Jane Marhefka, Tyler Rosenberry, Elda Mae Rickenbaugh, George Hazard, Jr., and Ralph Lauver). Be with those who will be tested for HIV/AIDS, that they may trust in your constant care and protection. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Speak words of stillness to this community that we might be filled with awe in your presence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We give you thanks for (John the Baptist and) all our ancestors in the faith. Give us endurance in suffering, that even in our sorrows we may rejoice in your grace and salvation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] (all)**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin

against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

* BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)

* CLOSING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

MEAL

* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.

P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.

P Let us come to his table with joy,

C for we come as God's invited guests!

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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 Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

["INTINCTION" – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Sam Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Ann Beaver

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the green portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshipping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our daughter Victoria's 15th birthday by Vance and Wendy Varner and sister Olivia.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

JUST A THOUGHT – John Stott, English Christian Leader and Cleric (1921 – 2011): Grace is the love that cares and stoops and rescues.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING NEEDED to fund 2012 expenses is \$3,250. Offering received on 6/17/12 was \$2,302.

A CHICKEN BBQ will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2012 to benefit Houses of Hope For Haiti. Cost is \$4.00 a half. Pick-up will be from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Centre Lutheran Church. For tickets, contact Linda Leister.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

THE NEXT MEETING of Messiah Women of the ELCA will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Everyone is to bring a favorite poem, story or reading for the devotional time.

SALES FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES BEGIN IN JULY!!!! The last Messiah Women of the ELCA project for the year is collection of items to fill 60 back packs for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We have some supplies but need the congregation to help to add needed items. Collection will continue until September 9, 2012.

- Ballpoint Pens (5 needed for each kit)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Blunt Scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Unsharpened #2** pencils with erasers (5 needed for each kit)
- A box of 24 crayons
- 2½ inch erasers

Please place the items on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE in a project in association with Seafarers International House – At the 25th Anniversary Convention of the Upper Susquehanna Synodical Unit of the Women of the WELCA, July 28, 2012, there will be an ingathering of items for "Christmas at Sea" sacks which will be given to seamen who cannot be with family for the holidays. These items will be gathered from May until Sunday, July 22, 2012. (Matthew 25:40; And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to me.")

Items needed: (No substitutes, please)

Sweatshirt—hooded or unhooded in size L or XL

Thermal or white gym socks, groups of three pairs

Casual pull-over T-shirts, size M and L

Knit heavy winter cap

Cans of nuts or candy

Christmas card signed by you

The sacks will be completed and filled at a board meeting of the WELCA Synodical Board before Thanksgiving. These gifts may be placed on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

COMMUNITY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs a head cook and team for the fourth Tuesday of the month (beginning in November). Also needed, at least two people to help assemble the meals for delivery on the second Friday of the month (needed immediately). Drivers are also needed for several routes. If you can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE,
DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, SOAP, RAZORS, FIRST-AID SUPPLIES,
OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN MEDICINES, TOILET PAPER.

WE ALSO NEED CLOTH AND PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS.

WE GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FROM LOCAL STORES.

NURSE'S NOTES – **The Claim:** You can be worked to death. **The Truth:** While American studies of work related stress and heart disease focus primarily on the quality of the work environment, others have examined the relationship between the quantity of work and heart health. In one recent British study, researchers found that employees working three or more overtime hours per day substantially increased their risk of heart-related problems over a 10-year period. The risk was particularly high among overtime workers with low decision-making capability and high job strain. While the study did not tease out the cause of increased heart disease among overtime workers, researchers noted that employees who worked longer hours were more likely to smoke, had less favorable cholesterol profiles, and had less time for leisure-time exercise than their co-workers.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.
-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Sunday:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.
-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.
-Installation of new PPC members and officers.