

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Questions to Live (and Suffer) By

June 23, 2024



[Jesus] awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea,
“Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a
great calm. *Mark 4:39*

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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Welcome! Members and Guests

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

Listening Devices

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

Church Nursery

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

PREPARATION

Pastor: For all of the Bible's reassurances of how much God loves us, cares for us, protects and guides us, it is, nevertheless, of our fallen, sinful nature that we still at times harbor doubts and even despairingly want to argue with God Himself and question His love and promises. The undying question is "Why?" The troubles, setbacks, trials, tragedies, and reverses in life do that. The Word before us today describes those times with the imagery of the destructive power of raging water and the greater power of God to deliver from threatening distress. Even when threatened with a raging flood, we are reminded that our help is still in the God who created everything. The trials of the otherwise "blameless and upright" man of God named Job (1:1) and the Lord's patient yet commanding love in His answer to Job's complaint should remind us to live our faith in daily repentance yet always still in praise of our saving God.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *2 Corinthians 6:2b; Psalm 124:8*

Pastor: Behold, now is the favorable time;

People: behold, now is the day of salvation.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 18:6*

Pastor: “In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.” Let us prepare to receive the Lord’s instruction and deliverance this day by recalling our brokenness and sin, begging our Creator and Redeemer for forgiveness and deliverance.

People: Almighty God, in our weakness we are tempted to complain about our troubles and sufferings. Yet we know all the pains we endure are the result of our own sin and waywardness. Speak now Your promised forgiveness to us. Give us the faith to endure, trusting solely in Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *LSB 575 vs 1&4*

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

KYRIE (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high

**People: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill
toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we
worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to
Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly
King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only
begotten Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin**

of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, amid our questioning of Your designs in the face of our troubles, help us to come to You daily in true repentance. Grant to us true humility of faith and trust in Your everlasting love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:1–11* ESV

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 124; antiphon: v. 8*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—

People: if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,

Pastor: then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

People: then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

Pastor: then over us would have gone the raging waters.

People: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

Pastor: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

People: the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 6:1–13* ESV

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as

impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Mark 4:41b*

People: Alleluia, alleluia! Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him? Alleluia, alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:35–41* ESV

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are

perishing?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Great Thou Art” *LSB* 801 vs 1 & 4

**O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed**

**Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
 How great Thou art
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++ SERMON ++

Questions to Live (and Suffer) By
 Text: Job 38:1-11

Theme: instead of questioning God when we suffer, we can remember his questions to Job, which remind us of his wisdom and his love for us in Christ.

Goal: that the hearers be strengthened in faith to trust in God through times of suffering.

Outline:

1. When we face suffering like Job's, we often question God as Job did.
2. God doesn't answer those questions, but rather, he reminds us of his infinite wisdom by asking his own questions of us.
3. Through these questions, God leads us to trust his wisdom and his love for us in Jesus.

Instead of Questioning God When We Suffer, We Can Remember His Questions to Job, Which Remind Us of His Wisdom and His Love for Us in Christ.

(Please stand)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, You see the chaos and rage of the world unhinged from Your design and guidance. Turn the hearts of tyrants and calm the minds of those lost in error. Raise up and strengthen leaders who know and follow Your will of peace and freedom. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to Your whole church throughout the world the boldness and humility to proclaim Your righteous judgments and Your gracious redemption to all. Give courage to all pastors and teachers in Your church to speak Your Word to a world in need of Your mercy. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all Your people here present who wait upon You for forgiveness, instruction, and the courage of faith, be our very present help to trust in Your grace with all our being. From our need we turn to You: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear our petitions for all who are sick; for the homebound in our parish; for any who cry to You for help and healing, and those who have requested our prayers. From our need and theirs we turn to You: Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We remember all who have gone before us
and are with You beyond the troubles of this
world. Keep Your heavenly light in our hearts and
minds that we may walk in sure and certain hope
of our eternal salvation. From our need we turn to
You: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all
for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Oh That I had a Thousand Voices” LSB 811 vs 1

**Oh that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues
My heart which in the Lord rejoices
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all wherever I might be
What great things God has done for me**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

(Please stand)

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with but a word calms our fears and causes our hearts and minds to remain steadfast in faith in all circumstances. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(we sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He, Blessed is He
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” LSB 851 vs 1

Lord of glory You have bought us

With Your life-blood as the price

Never grudging for the lost ones

That tremendous sacrifice

And with that have freely given

Blessings countless as the sand

To the unthankful and the evil

With Your own unsparing hand

(Please stand)

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus

strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (we sing) TLH p. 29-30

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
 depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast prepared before the face
 of all people, a light to lighten the
 Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You neither slumber nor sleep but
 graciously have fulfilled our desire for Your help
 by feeding us with heavenly food, the precious
 body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His
 living in us, guide us waking and guard us sleeping
 that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep
 we may rest in peace; for You live and reign in our
 world today, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one
 God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord
 make His face shine on you and be gracious to
 you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩
 give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Abide with Me” *LSB* 878 vs 2,4 & 6

**I need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, o abide with me**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day
Earth’s joy grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O thou who changest not, abide with me**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Dave Brown, Elder & Reader
Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take me out to the ballgame!

Sunday, July 21 at 4:05 pm
at beautiful Fifth Third Field as the Toledo Mud Hens
take on the St. Paul Saints.
Join folks from the rest of our Downriver Circuit
churches for the ballgame.

Tickets are \$12 apiece and will be available on the
Trinity Lutheran website

July, August & September Newsletter

Due June 25th at 12pm

Save the Date

Rummage Sale

July 27th

Please leave anything you want to donate on the stage.

BINGO!

Will resume in September

Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

Attendance

Sunday June 16th

9:30 am 36

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Denise & Allan Hagelstein – June 24th

Carolyn & Melvin Kimbrough – June 28th

Birthdays

Kathleen Schellman – June 28th

Maria Zowie – June 30th

For the Shut-Ins

Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at rehab
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Jack Marchio, friend of Glenn and Sandy Cairns, called to glory

Dave Brady, friend of Glenn and Sandy Cairns, called to glory

Avery Wilson, we pray for peace of mind, faith, and wellness

Kevin, Mick, Tonya, Karson, we pray for peace, faith, wellness, and safe travel; We pray for each finding their way in life

The 3 yr old loosing his arm being run over by a rider mower

Andy Pignanelli, Frank's Brother, seriously ill

Brandon Brown, Glenn Cairns nephew, hospitalized

Marissa Cortez, Granddaughter of Frances Ladach, in the birth of her son NOAH, mother and baby are doing well!;


Tammy, Sophia's mother, back problems

Kent James, nephew of Linda Panich , for healing of foot infections

Candice Farcia, Linda Panich grandchild, hospitalized

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday June 23	9:30am – Worship w/HC
Thursday June 27	10am Quilting
Friday June 28	Office Closed
Saturday June 29	5pm Worship w/HC
Sunday June 30	9:30am – Worship w/HC



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