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FAITH

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

OUR GRACIOUS GOD IS WITH US THROUGH ALL THE STORMS OF LIFE




A powerful tornado rolls through your neighborhood. A massive hurricane heads straight for your city. A bolt of lightning sends 300 million volts to earth. The raw power and unpredictability of storms can inspire both awe and terror. We cannot stop storms from coming. We can only hope to survive them. However, we know the Almighty God can stop storms. He can calm literal storms. He could


remove metaphorical storms, other types of troubles and trials. So, if he can, why doesn't he?

Well, would you rather have a God who was distant from you but removed all the storms of life? Or would you rather have a God who allowed some storms to come but promised to be right there by your side within them, holding you close? May God give us the top-down faith that sees that the latter is by far the better option. God promises to be with us through all the storms of life.

Sometimes he removes them. But when he doesn't, it's only because he has plans to use even storms for our eternal good.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.

Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew. 

Hymn | 829 Take Heart

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son **✝** and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **✝** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his 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 in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

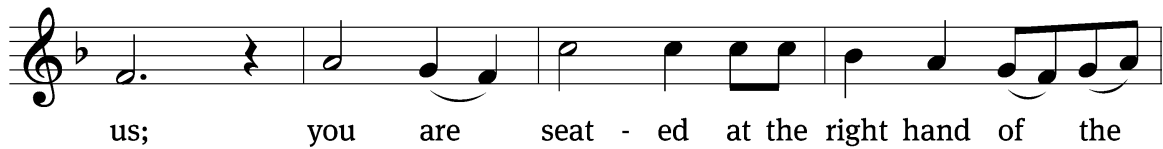
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



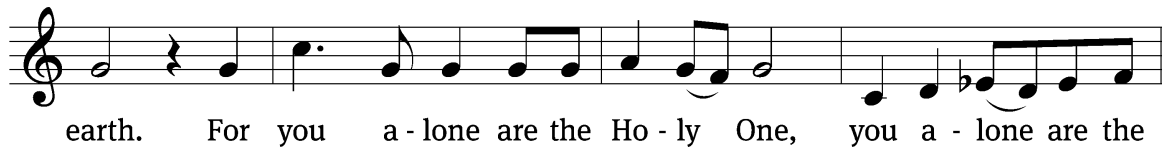
us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



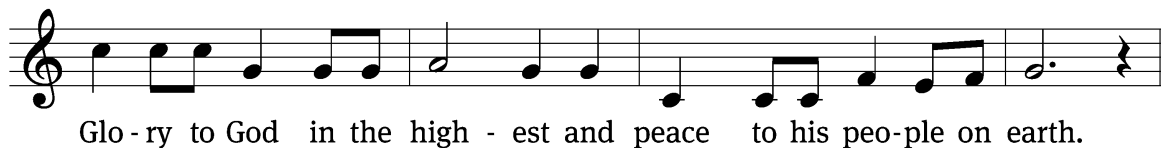
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



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.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

Job questioned why God had allowed trouble to befall him. Out of a storm the LORD spoke to Job, explaining that no mere man has the capacity to understand the wonderful ways God works. What sounds like a stern rebuke is at the same time a gracious word to calm an anxious child of God.

¹Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

²“Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?

³Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?
Tell me, if you understand.

⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it?

⁶On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—

⁷while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels shouted for joy?

⁸“Who shut up the sea behind doors
when it burst forth from the womb,

⁹when I made the clouds its garment
and wrapped it in thick darkness,

¹⁰when I fixed limits for it
and set its doors and bars in place,

¹¹when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther;
here is where your proud waves halt’?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

42E Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call

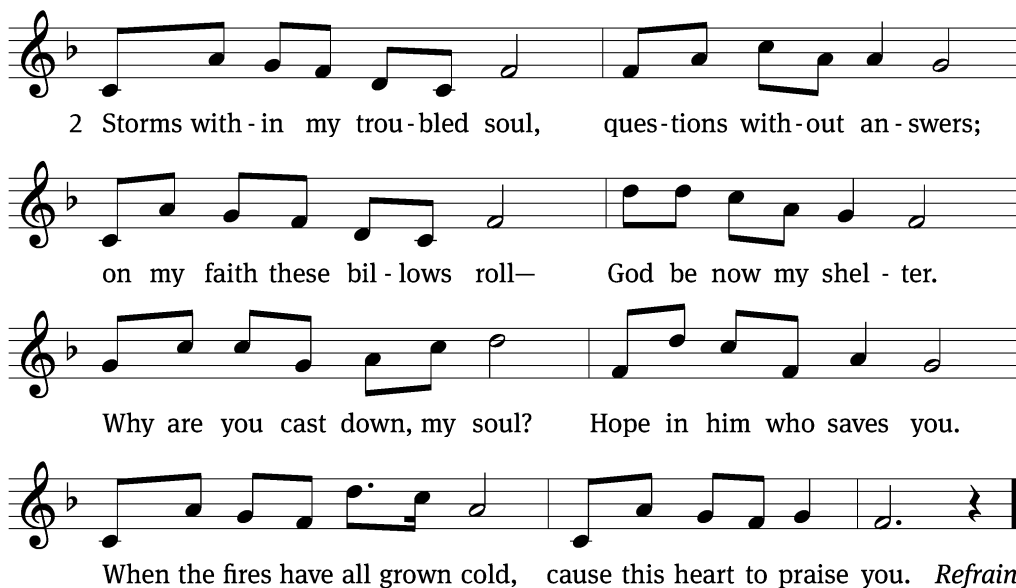
Psalm 42E sts. 1-2, Ref, 3, Final Refrain

Verse



1 Lord, from sor-rows deep I call when my hope is shak - en;
torn and ru - ined from the fall, hear my des - per - a - tion.
For so long I've pled and prayed, "God, come to my res - cue!"
E-ven so, the thorn re-mains; still my heart will praise you. v. 2

Verse



2 Storms with - in my trou - bled soul, ques - tions with - out an - swers;
on my faith these bil - lows roll— God be now my shel - ter.
Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise you. Refrain

Verse



3 Should my life be torn from me, ev - 'ry world - ly plea - sure;
when all I pos - sess is grief, God be then my trea - sure.
Be my vi - sion in the night; be my hope and ref - uge.



'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise you. *Refrain*

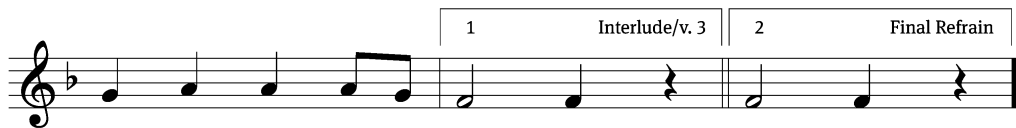
Refrain



O my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will



praise him. Sing, O sing, through the rag - ing storm; you're



still my God, my sal - va - tion. va - tion.

Final Refrain



O my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will



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storm; you're still my God, my sal - va - tion.

Second Reading

Acts 27:13-26

St. Paul and others were on a ship in the middle of a hurricane. God did not calm the storm. Yet, he was with them in the storm, accomplishing his good and gracious work.

¹³When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. ¹⁵The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, ¹⁷so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. ¹⁸We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

²¹After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. ²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 4:41

Alleluia. They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

Even the winds and the waves must obey Jesus Christ. His people are safe in him.

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day - 984 A Vicious Storm, A Raging Sea

CW 984



1 A vi - cious storm, a rag - ing sea, a Sav - ior sleep - ing
2 A brief com - mand, all dan - gers pass—the lake be - comes a
3 The one whom wind and waves o - bey could clear - ly see the
4 Raised from the dead to end sin's curse, his pres - ence fills the



peace - ful - ly— their rac - ing hearts would not slow down: “Do
sheet of glass! Who is this man from Gal - i - lee who
com - ing day when he be - neath God's wrath would fall, when
u - ni - verse. The pow'r which he once set a - side he



you not care if we should drown!” I know that feel - ing
with a word can calm the sea? He is, by God's e -
he would bleed and die for all. Dis - miss - ing all his
now em - ploys, all - glo - ri - fied, to help his Church to



far too well— the fear of harm or death or hell.
ter - nal plan, the one who is both God and man.
pow'r di - vine, Christ Je - sus gave his life for mine.
per - se - vere, to drive a - way my fool - ish fear.

5 A boat, a storm, adrift again,
they marshaled all their strength in vain.
They saw the Lord; “A ghost!” they cried,
and, sinking fast, one almost died.
But he who walked out on the sea
saved them from great catastrophe.

6 Lord Jesus Christ, when storms arise
on you alone I'll fix my eyes.
Through Word and water, bread and wine,
I hear you saying, “You are mine!”
Your promises are strong to quell
all fear of harm and death and hell.

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Sermon

In the storm... He knows. He cares. He saves.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal and almighty Creator, as you took in the wonders you made at the beginning of time, you observed that everything was very good. Move us to see in the beauty and orderliness of creation all your extraordinary gifts to us. Lead us to confess: How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Spare us from being misled by those who insist that our universe came into being without the power of your voice. Strengthen our faith and cause us to take you at your word even when observation and theory challenge your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You have led us to believe that you created the world and that you will bring it to an end at your time and in your way. Give us discernment in the face of presumptions that we human creatures can determine the future of our planet. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We grieve over the ugliness that so often scars the stunning sights of the earth: polluted rivers and ruined forests, unclean air, and filthy graffiti. Protect your creation everywhere from the greed of those who destroy beauty for profit and pride. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Forgive us for wasting so much and for carelessly disposing of what we are done with. Teach us to see the value of keeping our property and communities clean and lovely. Make us wise caretakers of the part of creation you have loaned to us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us find loveliness not only in what others manufacture but in what you have created. Lead us to find joy in mountains and caves, plants and trees, oceans and waterfalls—the gifts we gain at no cost or work. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lead us to value the wonders of creation which keep us healthy and active: water and herbs and wholesome food. Cleanse hurting bodies and aching minds with the good things of the earth. We ask you today to keep in your care... Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Dear Father, you are the creator of all good things. Lead us to cherish and to protect what you have made for our good and your glory.

Amen.

Offering



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him. There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give a gift in that way. To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to (833) 693-7056. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

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.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

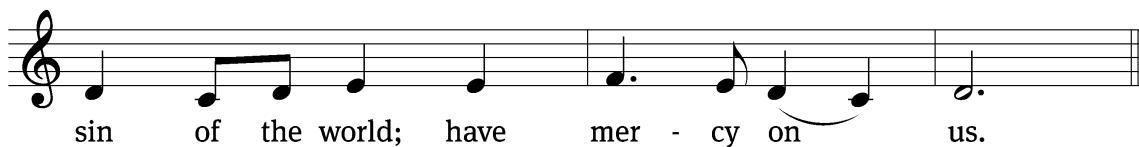
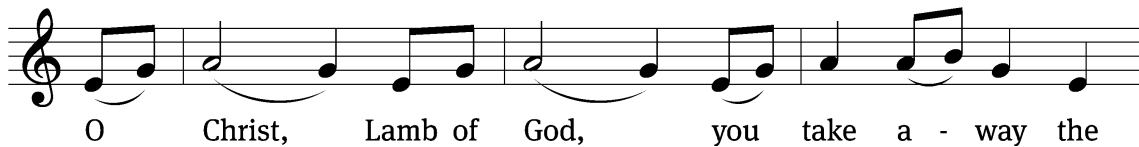
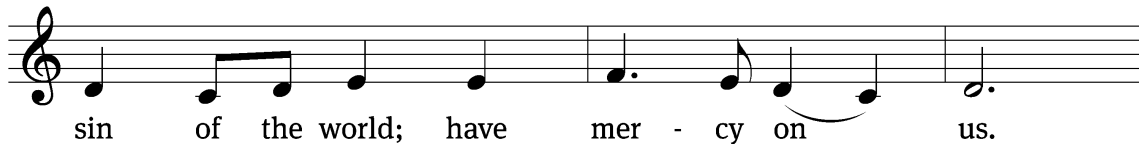
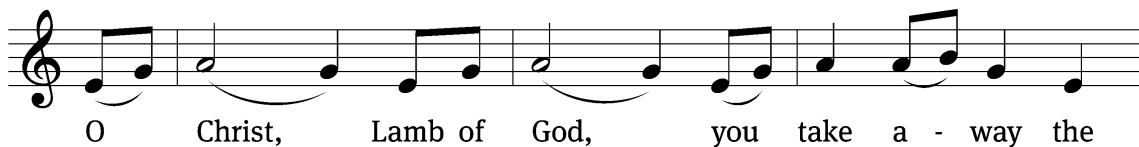
Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us your peace.
 A - men. A - men.

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Be seated

Distribution

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this. Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how.

Please speak to Pastor Peil or Pastor Boettcher about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. Thank you for your understanding!

Distribution Hymns | 812 Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor
504 We Sing the Almighty Power of God
501 Evening and Morning

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
 Go + in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn 849 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

+ + +

Thank you to Amy Sehloff for serving us and our Savior with music this morning!