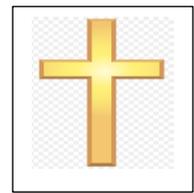




Perley Lutheran Parish  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 12



Gathering Hymn: When Peace Like A River

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well, with my soul, with my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Welcome and Announcements

- Flowers on the altar are from the funeral of Margie Thompson. Thank you to all those who helped with the funeral - continue to lift Marv and the family up in these coming days.
- Sad to announce that Jean Emery passed away this past week. Graveside service will be at the Nora Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_
- Michele is at Long Island NY attending a dear friend's Ordination this weekend and John is away as well this morning so we will not have slides for this service. Thank you to his wife Melissa for filling in for him and the rest of the Nora members who so graciously volunteered to help – OK, Michele twisted our arms!
- Don't forget *Where's Michele* on Wednesdays at 7:00pm – all guesses enter you in the end of the summer drawing – they don't have to be correct.
- We will not be having Communion today but offering plates are located in the back of the church. Continue to support the churches even when you are away on summer fun
- Food Shelf – Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 at Kirkebo in Perley

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.  
**Amen.**

God, our provider,

**Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, +the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

**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.**

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

And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;** they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. **For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.** They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; **they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; **he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.** Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.** Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

#### First Reading Job 38:1-11

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#### Holy Gospel according to Mark 4:35-41, **Glory to you O Lord**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 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?" 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. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" 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 our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

#### Children's Message

Micayla: Do you all remember the big storms we had last week?

Eli: I do

Noah: Yes me too, the wind knocked down a bunch of trees.

Micayla: Yes it did. It took down a lot of trees!

Eli: A lot of trees

Micayla: Yes, a lot of trees!

Noah: Did you know there is a story in the Bible about a big storm?

Micayla: Is it about trees?

Eli: A lot of trees?

Noah: Is that all you two care about is trees? It's not about trees but let me tell you the story now. It was late in the day and Jesus had been standing in front of crowds all day long

teaching and preaching. He had gotten very hot and tired and was wanting to get away and rest.

Micayla: Probably because there weren't any trees there.

Eli: No trees?

Noah: Wow you two! So back to the story now. So Jesus and the disciples got into a boat and decided to go over to the beach on the other side to find some peace and quiet. But guess what happened while they were in the boat??

Eli: They caught a fish?

Micayla: They fell out of the boat?

Noah: A big windy storm came and started rocking the boat back and forth and back and forth.

Eli: Scary!

Micayla: I wouldn't like to be in a boat in the middle of the storm. But wait, wasn't Jesus with them?

Noah: He was but he had fallen asleep.

Eli: Asleep?

Noah: Yes he was sleeping right in the middle of the storm and the disciples got really really scared and tried to wake him up.

Micayla: Jesus to the rescue.

Noah: Right, Jesus got up and told them not to be afraid and then he told the wind to stop blowing and he told the waves to be still.

Eli: Amazing!

Noah: It was and Jesus went on to do many more amazing things while he was here on earth.

Micayla: I wonder if he can fix broken trees?

Eli: A lot of trees!

## Message

Man and water have always had an interesting relationship. It is something that man cannot control, although it is all around him and vital for his survival. Over 75% of the earth's surface is covered by water. We live in the land of 10,000 lakes in Minnesota and a bunch more here in North Dakota. It is all around us as well. Despite that, it is something that we really cannot control. We really don't have any power over it. For who can stop the rain? Who can calm a sea, or tell its waters to stop moving? Who can redirect its flow or path with ease? Who can halt its destructive power and force when things like hurricanes or floods hit? Perhaps that is why many of the world's most impressive engineering feats involve water, or revolve around it. In our Gospel today, we hear of Jesus doing what man cannot. We hear how He makes the water and waves be calm and does so with just two, little, simple words. This morning, we will take a look at this miracle, and see what it means for our lives.

If you remember last week's message, Jesus gave us the parables of the seeds. Jesus taught about faith, which will be the very thing the disciples will lack in this story, and what the Kingdom of

God is like. After teaching all day, and explaining these concepts to His disciples, He decides that they should leave and depart to the other side, even though it is night. They are going to go the country of the Gerasenes (JEHR-uh-seens), which is a gentile area. And after leaving the crowd, they took Jesus in the boat, and departed to the other side.

As they are on their way, a great windstorm arises! On the Sea of Galilee, these could happen quickly and without any real notice. They could even happen with sunny and clear skies. When the western winds would come off of Mount Hermon and collide with the warm lake water, these sudden and violent storms would be produced. And boy, was a violent storm upon them!

The waves of the sea crashed upon the boat, and began to spill in. The boat begins to fill with water, and it is starting to sink! The disciples are doing what they can, but it is to no avail. They begin to panic. Who wouldn't panic, right? The experienced fishermen are scared and fearing for their lives! You have to imagine that they have endured many a storm! This is not new to them. They know the situation is dire! It is like a car mechanic looking over your car, and with a concerned look on his face, calls you into the shop to point out to you something underneath. When that happens, you know it is not good, and will probably be expensive. It is like a doctor looking defeated and sullen after looking at her patient's test results. Again, their reaction tells the direness of the situation. It is the same here. The disciples' fear says it all: things are not good!

And the disciples decide to do the smart thing and go to Jesus for help. They think He can do something. He has shown mastery over sickness and demons after all. Maybe, just maybe, He can do something here. And as they enter the stern, they find Him sleeping on a pillow. Sleeping! So, they decide to wake Him and say, "Teacher!" That is how they see Jesus at this point in the Gospel of Mark. He certainly is a teacher alright, but is certainly much more. Jesus is going to teach them that.

After the address, they follow with everyone's favorite way to be woke-up, they immediately hurl a compliant his way. They say things are life threatening and they actually have the nerve to tell Jesus, "You don't care! You aren't concerned for us! Don't you know what is going on? How can you sleep and do nothing? Do you not care that we are perishing?" What a way to be awakened!

Jesus rises to action He rebukes the wind and tells the sea two, simple, small, ordinary words. He says, "Siopa, pephimoso!" (See – ah – paw, Peff –ah- miss- oh) The first word means, "Silence!" or "Shut-up!" The second word means, "Be Still!" Jesus addresses creation by speaking to it like a person. He tells the sea to stop its raging and yelling. With that, a great miracle happens. The storm immediately stops, and a great calm is produced.

In our area we see lots of thunderstorms and wind storms – we've been seeing them often during this hot, hot period the last few weeks. If you have ever been around a storm when you are at a lake you will see that even though a storm may be over, the lake will still be wavy and choppy. It does not immediately calm down. In fact, it's a rare sight to see the lake completely calm and still most of the time. Jesus produces a great calm here. He shows His power, His control, and His identity. It is a miracle how calm it is after such a violent storm.

This calmness produces a great teaching moment and emotion for the disciples. Jesus asks them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" "I am right here with you, so why are you worried?" Would He really let them drown and die from the storm? Did they not learn anything about faith that day? And how do the disciples take all of this? How do they respond? They respond with a fear greater than death!

They had just feared for their life but now they are filled with fear for Him and wonder just WHO Jesus is. They say, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" And who is this? It

is God in the flesh. That is why the wind and waves obey Him. It is He Who created the Heavens and the earth with a Word. It is He Who controls the Heavens and the earth with just a Word. This miracle shows this identity.

But what does this one-time event mean for us, some 2,000 years later? How does this miracle impact our lives? Like them, we can have real problems that might not only seem like a life or death issue, but they might be ones. Maybe you are having a health issue that might not be curable or treatable. Perhaps finances are tight and difficult living on a fixed income. Maybe the relationships in our lives are not where we want them to be. Work might not be going well or going anywhere, and you can feel stuck. Is worry and stress bothering and overwhelming you? We know what it is like to have problems, and with them, we know what it is like to feel like it seems that God doesn't care, or is sleeping. We can relate with the disciples.

But, like with the disciples, Jesus is good to us. He helps us even though we doubt. He doesn't hold that against us. Imagine if He did! He cares for us, even when we accuse Him of not. Thank goodness that He does! He is with us in the "boat" and in the "storms". Our God is with us, guiding us, and watching over us. He is not sleeping. He has not left. He has not abandoned us, nor will He ever. His care, His love, His devotion, and His faithfulness are seen the most clearly at the cross and the tomb, where Jesus died and rose again to save us from our sins. That act is the ultimate assurance of our salvation and His faithfulness. This is where our hope and confidence lies, and it is certain, and it is true.

This God, this Jesus, is in control. He has control over health issues, financial duress, relationship problems, stress, and worry. This God has power over those things and works all things for our good in Christ. Unfortunately, though, sometimes things don't or won't be fixed this side of Heaven. Tragedies can and do befall us. Things might not get better. But we know as Christians where we are going, and where our God is guiding and taking us. It is the place that He has won for us through Jesus, and where all things will be better. So, be still, be calm, your God is with you! Amen!

Hymn of the Day: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee  
Thou Lamb of Calvary  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray  
Take all my guilt away  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart  
My zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me  
O may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be  
A living fire!

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

Prayers of the people: (Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

Let us come before the Triune God in prayer.

(pause)

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 know to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger and unrest. Guide world-wide and local community leaders and organization in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer and are lonely and lost. We lift up the Emery family as they prepare to say their final goodbyes to their beloved Jean. We also lift up Marlis, Sonya and Roger, Terry and Jeff, Evonne and Kirk, Byron and Whitney and all of those that we now name silently in our own hearts..... Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day. 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 father figures, 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 all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Gathered as one family of God let us pray the prayer that 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. 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***

Blessing – (Congregation)

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

Sending Song: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall:

Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

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

**Mark Your Calendars:**

- Sunday, June 27th – Services at 9am at Kirkebo. (live streamed and in-person). Outdoor services, please bring a chair.
- Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Service at 9:00am online only

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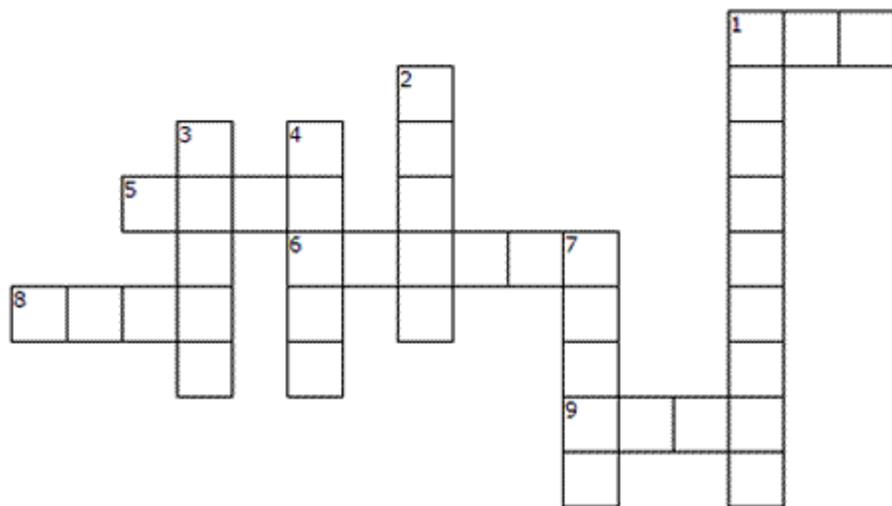
Jesus Calms the Storm



# Peace! Be Still!

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Based on Mark 4:26-29 (NIV)



## ACROSS

1. A period of twenty-four hours
5. A body of water that is surrounded by land
6. To have a feeling of fear
8. A relatively small craft which travels on water
9. A raised movement of water rolling across the surface of the sea

## DOWN

1. The original followers of Jesus
2. A violent weather condition with strong winds and heavy rain
3. A high degree of trust or confidence in someone
4. To be calm, without much activity
7. To die by being under water and unable to breathe

PEACE

DISCIPLES

STORM

LAKE

DAY

BOAT

DROWN

WAVE

AFRAID

FAITH

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DISCIPLES	SILENCE	WOKE	EVENING	FAITH
WATER	AFRAID	LAKE	BOAT	OBEY
JESUS	CALM	CUSHION	WAVES	WIND
DROWN	HEAD	SLEEPING	STORM	STILL

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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1. 4-14-21-15 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 17-7-14-8 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 13-8-7-6-16 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 3-14-5-15-13 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 13-4-15-15-9-1-24-18 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 3-1-24-20 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 25-14-4-16 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 14-22-6-14-1-20 \_\_\_\_\_

SLEEPING	WIND	AFRAID	WAVES
CALM	STORM	BOAT	LAKE