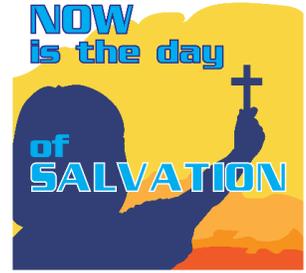


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 7

Who Is This?

June 20, 2021



AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands the wind and the sea to become calm, which understandably stuns the disciples. "Who is this?" they wonder. The other Readings today reaffirm that we know that Jesus is one person of the Holy Trinity. The Creator puts creature Job in his place. We also ought to remember with whom we are dealing when we request or complain. Paul encourages his readers, then and now, to put their circumstances into the context of the whole Church. Our situations do not define us! Sure of God's care and emboldened by the strength He provides, we are called to live out our faith confidently. We know who this is: He is Jesus, our Savior.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" #790 vs 1,2,5

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *2 Corinthians 6:2, 4, 12*

Pastor: Paul writes, "As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way."
People: **In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not commended ourselves. Worse, in our sinful condition, we are bound to continue to sin; we cannot help ourselves; forgive us.**

Pastor: Then he writes, "You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections."
People: **Indeed, we have failed to love You, O Lord, with all that we are and have, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

Pastor: But then Paul writes, "Now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
People: **Open our hearts, Lord of all creation, to recognize the forgiveness You won for us, the protection You afford each day, and the strength You provide that we may share Your love.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus, whom wind and sea and all creation obey, has taken away the sins of the world. Because of His sacrifice for you within His own creation, today is indeed the day of salvation. Today He tells you also, "Peace! Be still!" As a called and ordained

servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ **WORD** ☩

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Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, who made this world and all that exists,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, who rules the sea, air, and all creation, and yet suffered and died within it,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who each day graciously bestows faith and love for us to share,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "The Church's One Foundation" #644 vs 1,2,5

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, in Your mercy
guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:1–11* (God puts creature Job in his place.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
People: and His greatness is unsearchable.

Pastor: On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
People: and I will declare Your greatness.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 6:1–13* (No matter the circumstances, now is the day of salvation.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 4:41b*

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:35–41* (Jesus amazes the disciples by stilling the storm.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "On Eagles' Wings" #727

SERMON "Your God is too Small" Pastor Schroeder

CATECHISM *Explanation of the Third Article*

Pastor: Now is the day of salvation because the Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts, and we are ready to hear the Gospel. Let us confess the work of the Spirit in the explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.

People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

OFFERING & PRAYER

(Members and Visitors: We would appreciate it if you would please take this time to fill out and pass the "Who's In The Pew" folders, located at the center aisle end of each pew.)

Leader: Gracious God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, symbols of your gracious love.

People: **Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – Elders bring 10 names from Prayer Cross

Pastor: Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

For all people who are trying to commend themselves this day in spite of various afflictions, hardships, or calamities, that God would strengthen and guide first responders, medical personnel, and support agencies until health, prosperity, and calm are restored, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: For all people who are enduring beatings, imprisonments, or riots, that God would give wisdom to political officials, protection to military leaders, and guidance to authorities to work for peace, protection, and justice, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: For all who feel trapped by harsh labor, sleepless nights, or hunger, that God would surround them with caring people to provide the social, emotional, and physical relief they so desperately need, and for those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], that God would give them health, joy, and peace, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: That the Church around the world would use the purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, and genuine love God provides to spread the news of forgiveness and salvation today and always, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: That we would realize both the power and the love of God seen in the person of Christ, our Lord, and that now, in this day of salvation, He would help us widen our hearts to be part of His answer to these petitions, let us pray.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✘ 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.**

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(p. 961 in hymnal)*

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 Your own creation to suffer and die that we might be saved.

Today is indeed the favorable time and day of salvation as You offer forgiveness, life, and salvation through this Sacrament of Your Son's body and blood. We give You thanks and praise for graciously opening the eternal heavenly banquet to 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

us, we thank You for the pardon and peace You have graciously provided in this Sacrament. Strengthened thereby, we ask that You enable us to open our hearts that the people we meet may understand this favorable time, this day of salvation You make available in Your endless grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #922 vs 1,3,4

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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