

Pentecost 5

June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 7 (Year B)

How often we fail to recognize the power of God in our lives. In today’s Old Testament reading, God’s voice pierced through the chaos of a whirlwind as he reminded Job of who is in control of all of life. The divine voice is echoed on the Sea of Galilee as Jesus calms an abrupt storm that sends waves crashing into the disciples’ boat. “Peace! Be still,” Jesus ordered the water, showing his power over creation.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Job 38:1-11 **A Voice from the Whirlwind**
God spoke to Job from the whirlwind and challenged him to think clearly about his position in their relationship. Though Job was angry with God for allowing him to suffer so greatly, God alone is his Redeemer. The Lord peppered Job with rhetorical questions about his whereabouts when the universe was set into place.

Psalm 124 **Our Help is in the Name of the Lord**
The psalmist proclaimed the protection of the Lord, singing, “If the Lord had not been on our side,” imagine what would have happened! Israel would have been given over to their enemies, drowned in the raging waters, and stuck in captivity if the Lord had not been with them.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 **Now is the Day of Salvation**
Paul counseled the Corinthian Christians not to allow any of their actions to be a stumbling block for others as they worked to spread the good news of Christ. God’s grace is not to be taken in vain, rather it is to be cherished as our greatest treasure.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41 **Peace! Be Still!**
Weary from a long day of ministry, Jesus directed his disciples to get in a boat and head across the lake to the other side. Even on the water, they were surrounded by crowds who sought after Jesus. Jesus managed to fall asleep in the boat, but when a storm erupted on the water, his disciples panicked and woke him in a terror. Jesus calmed the wind and waves and chastised his friends for their lack of faith.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise
- Use the Apostles’ Creed

There are many instances in Holy Scripture where God’s voice is heard: in the Garden of Eden as God addressed the first human couple (Genesis 2), at the burning bush when God commissioned Moses (Exodus 3), again from a cloud when God called to Moses (Exodus 24:16). In Job, God’s voice came out of the whirlwind to instruct Job and discipline him. In the person of Jesus Christ we hear the voice of God speak to us through the Scriptures. We never have to wonder what his voice sounds like – we already know.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Evening and Morning	465	---	726	761	59	59
Day by Day	---	746	---	790	210	210
Eternal Father, Strong to Save	467	---	717	756	6	6
Jesus, Priceless Treasure	458	---	743	775	39	39
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	---	731	739	773	206	206
When Peace Like a River	346	---	763	785	224	224
My Life Flows on in Endless Song	---	781	---	763	253	253
Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult	494	---	---	696	184	184
How Great Thou Art	532	---	801	856	26	---
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing	221	---	643	547	58	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

- Praise Song Titles:**
- My Lighthouse (CCLI# 7002032)
 - How Great is Our God (CCLI# 4348399)
 - Peace Be Still (CCLI# 7084363)
 - Living Hope (CCLI# 7106807)
 - It is Well (CCLI# 7021972)

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