A photograph of a wooden pier extending into a misty sea under a pale sky. The pier is made of weathered wooden planks and leads the eye towards the horizon. The sky is a soft, hazy grey, and the water is calm and reflects the light. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Peace.
Be still.

Mark 4:39

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

LBW – green hymnal BC – Borning Cry

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love. **All: AMEN!**

OPENING SONG: “Open Our Eyes, Lord”

BC 176

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. *(Romans 8:5-6,26)*

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you!

(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. ⁴Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

P The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God!

PSALM 124 (read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹Working together with {Christ}, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of

God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

P The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, {Jesus} said to {the disciples}, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But 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?" ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "PERFECT STORM"

(Written by Pastor David Wendel; read by Jo Boehmer)

SONG: "He Is Lord"

BC 267

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, bless and strengthen fathers and all those who nurture and love others with a fatherly love. Help fathers provide for the families in their care in ways that reflect your love for us.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of the Sabbath, as families leave for vacations this summer, grant them safe travels and rest. As they are away from home, grant them precious family time with one another. Renew them all in heart, mind, and soul.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, your Son Jesus has made himself known as the Prince of Peace. Fill the leaders of the nations with a hunger for peace, a thirst for justice, and a love for the people entrusted to their care. Teach us all to do your will and to long for the day when Christ shall return in glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O merciful God, bring your presence and healing power to those who are lonely, forgotten, depressed, homeless, poor, sick, hospitalized, or dying. [We pray especially for]

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

- P** In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
C And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!
P And your young men shall see visions!
C And your old men shall dream dreams!
P Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
C Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

CLOSING SONG: "All Through the Night"

BC 411

BENEDICTION

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **C** Thanks be to God!

CALL COMMITTEE

If you would like to be a part of the call committee, please let Richard Wilson know by Sunday, June 23rd.

Church Office: (815) 522-3886

Pastor: Pray for the next Pastor

Secretary: Dianna Wittwer (815) 378-6654(c)

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Hosts: Randal & Angela Nelson

Attendance Last Saturday, 6/15: 16

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Pianist: Judy Lacefield

Offering Counters: Jean Bauer & Jo Boehmer

Last Sunday, 6/16: 37 adults and 2 children

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Paul Buzzell 6/22

Tadd Krabbe 6/22

Sarah (Schmidt) Hill 6/22

Jo Boehmer 6/23

David Thorstad 6/23

Russ Mothkovich 6/24

Ezra Ash 6/26/2019

Taylor Haag 6/27/2002

Katalina Hall 6/28/2017

Donna Koehnke (Grandma)6/30

ANNIVERSAY BLESSINGS!

Gary & Joanne Seegers

6/22/74

Thomas & Vongdeuane Thorstad

6/22/11

Malcolm & Leah Anderberg

6/24/61

Nathan & Amanda Wrobel

6/28/08

Tom & Louise Hoffman

6/29/57

Larry & Connie Worden

6/29/74

Karl & Sarah Fivre

6/30/18

FOURTH OF JULY FLOAT **& CANDY NEEDED**

The theme this year is

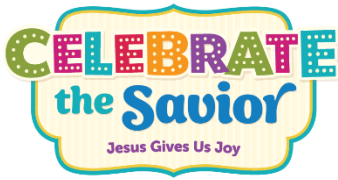
"Freedom to Soar."

If you would like to lead or help prepare the float, I am sure Bob & Lisa Coyle would like some help with the float.

The 4th will be here before we know it.

Candy for the 4th would be appreciated also! Please place it in the church office.





VBS: WEEK

The church was filled with joyful children celebrating Our Savior. The students collectively raised \$144.54, which will be going to the Kirkland Food Pantry. A big Thank you to Val Norris, all the volunteers and the children. Our Facebook page has some pictures of the four-day event. Come back tomorrow to hear them sing at worship!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Recently, the Food Bank has had trouble sourcing some items or some items are not even offered. Please see the list below and if you are able, pick up an item or two for the food pantry.

The items needed are:

Canned tuna Paper towels Bathroom tissue Diapers, size 5

Donations are always appreciated. Monetary donations can be made to the church with a memo designating the Food Pantry.

And finally, volunteers are what keep the Food Pantry running! If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the Food Pantry, talk to James Haag.

SHOUT OUT

☑ A HUGE THANK YOU to the following people who aided in cleaning the Parsonage in preparation for Pulpit Supply to reside there: Jean Bauer, David Block – (assisted in picking up a bed), Jo & John Boehmer, Judy Lacefield, Janelle Panke and Richard Wilson

☑ The following people helped in the exterior clean up and beautification: Steve May and Louie Mielke

☑ Final Thank You to Vernon & Jane Johnson who were gracious enough to donate the bed we use for Pulpit Supply.

☑ Finally, we hired a new custodial person. This young man is doing an amazing job and I ask that you welcome Dominic Boehmer – Jo and John Boehmer's grandson, when you see him.

From Property Chair, Susan Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 6/23: Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship. Church Cornerstone to be reset with an ice cream social to follow.

Monday 6/24: Clothes Closet Open. 12:00 – 1:30pm.

Tuesday 6/25: Food Pantry set up, 9:00am; food distr., 12-2pm.

Thursday 6/27: Food Truck Delivery, 7:30am.

The usual delivery date would have been July 4th.

Saturday 6/29: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/30: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Jane Johnson who is home from abdominal surgery.
- Abby (Pahnke) Bohn who is pregnant with their 2nd child. Cole Bohn, big brother to-be, comes on Saturday with Grandpa (Dan) & Grandma (Janelle) Pahnke.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially:

Jane Johnson

Joanie Sanderson

Richard Krabbe

Matt Johnson

James Klus

Emmaline Haag

Nathan Wrobel

- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, Joannie Sanderson (rehab) and many others.
- Our church and its activities.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.

Next Week's Readings:

Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15;

Mark 5:21-43