



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost “Sent into the Storm”

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Rev. Gerhard Mau, Officiating

CARES

Confesses Jesus as Lord and Savior

Assembles to worship Him

Reaches out to share the Gospel

Educates people to follow Him

Serves our Lord and community

As We Gather

Creation Is Redeemed and Sanctified by the Word of Christ Jesus

Having spared faithful Noah and his family from the flood, the Lord established His covenant with them, “*and with every living creature,*” that never again would there be “*a flood to destroy the earth*” (Gen. 9:9–11). He signed and sealed this everlasting covenant with His rainbow in the clouds, by which He sees and remembers His promise that “*the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh*” (Gen. 9:13–16). Although creation suffers under the curse of sin, the Lord preserves and orders creation for the benefit of His Church. In particular, all of creation is redeemed and sanctified by the incarnate Son of God. “*Take heart*” and “*do not be afraid,*” for He is with you on the sea. He is not a ghost, but He has come in the flesh to save you. He has gotten “*into the boat*” with you, and the wind that was against you has ceased (Mark 6:45–51). For He is the Word and promise of the Father, and His own flesh and blood are the covenant by which you are “*strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being*” (Eph. 3:16–17).

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 136:1-9,26 (The LORD's steadfast love endures forever!)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Collect

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Stewardship Minute

Ephesians 3:20 - "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ..." We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

Hymn 868 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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| 1 | Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice. | 4 | Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and
will
And with Thyself my spirit fill. |
| 2 | In conversation be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noonday clear;
Think how the_all-seeing God thy
ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys. | 5 | Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their
might
In Thy sole glory may unite. |
| 3 | All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept
And hast refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall
wake,
I may of endless light partake. | △ 6 | Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. |

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Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon: "Sent into a Storm" (Mark 6:45)

Don't you hate it when someone knows something about you but won't share it with you? Don't you hate it when someone knows you are about to enter danger and won't warn you? Don't you hate it when someone can see what you can't see? They see you are about to step into a nest of snakes. But they don't stop you. They simply watch you step into trouble. Don't you hate that?

Jesus seems like that sometimes. In our text, Jesus knows the storm the disciples will be facing alone in the night on the Sea of Galilee. They are clueless, but Jesus knows what lay ahead. And Jesus sends them out to sea anyway. He stays behind. He will not be with them when the storm arises.

The disciples take their boat into the Galilean Sea. Jesus stays behind to dismiss the crowd. Last Sunday we heard how Jesus fed a crowd of 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two fish.

There was so much food that 12 baskets full of broken pieces of bread and fish were gathered. The needs of each and every person present was satisfied.

Everything we need in life is present when Jesus is there. Hey, we may need to make some attitudinal adjustments, but God does supply our genuine needs each day. And so Jesus teaches us to pray: *"Give us this day our daily bread."* With this prayer we pray: *"Lord, help us realize and believe You are present. You supply us what we need for this day. We receive Your presence and Your supplies with thanksgiving."*

A heart that is afraid has a hard time being thankful. A heart that is afraid has a hard time focusing on Jesus. A heart that is afraid often can't see Jesus' presence. And if Jesus is seen, a heart that is afraid will often mistake Jesus for something troublesome.

Jesus sends His disciples to face a coming storm. Jesus stays behind. He enters a mountain to pray. He wants to be alone with His Father. Prayer is our heart-to-heart talk with God. Prayer shows how well we listen to God. Prayer is us speaking back to God what He says to us. We speak back to God what He says to us with the hopes something of what He says might sink in. Prayer is a way we seek to apply what God says to what is going on around us. But a heart that is afraid is often blinded to Jesus' presence, help, and strength. It's hard to give God thanks from a grateful heart that trusts Him when the soul is full of fear!

Our text says our disciples' *"hearts were hardened"* (Mark 6:52). I suspect their head knew this Jesus is God who gave the wandering Israelites manna to eat in the wilderness. This Jesus is the great I AM who spoke out of the burning bush to Moses. He is the LORD who led the people of Israel out of Egyptian captivity. Yet somehow this person of Jesus, His feeding the crowd of 5,000 with five loaves of bread, didn't sink into the heart with a complete trust. Who Jesus is and what His mission is and how this affects their lives was something the disciples had still to piece together. It will not be until after Jesus' resurrection their eyes will be opened and their hearts no longer hardened.

Some hardened hearts are antagonistic toward Jesus. Many hardened hearts show little antagonism against Jesus. Maybe it's more of an indifference or not being able to see Jesus' way in life or understand His purposes for us. The disciples were still expecting Jesus to be some kind of political savior. Perhaps today people expect Jesus to make life perfect and fulfilling, free of any kind of ambushes that surprise us and overtake us and frighten us. Yet Jesus' world is of spirit and of truth. And His kingdom won't be fully revealed until the heavens and the earth are made all new. And because that seems to be so far away into the future, it seems like Jesus is absent from us in the present. The hardened heart does not recognize Jesus' presence in the here and now.

Jesus is on the mountain in prayer. Yet Jesus has His eye on His disciples. He sees their troubles. He knows their fears. He walks on water through the storm ready to greet you on the other side with comfort and hope. And when the storm is too much, He steps inside your boat with the words *"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."* Somehow, wind and wave stops rocking your heart when you know Jesus is on board.

Someone has said the trials of life are neither good nor bad but they sure make life hard. And so Jesus leads us to pray *"Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil."* We pray *"Lord! Keep hardship away! But if the wind becomes strong and the waves crash into my life, be my strength. Grant me Your wisdom to take the path toward safety. You have promised to be present and to give me wisdom and strength and Your grace to get the storm to safety."*

Jesus is the Son of God. He is able to trample the waves of the sea (Job 9:8). He is our Creator who deeply cares for you.

And on the cross Jesus absorbs all our fears. On the cross Jesus absorbs all our sorrows. On the cross Jesus absorbs all our hardness of hearts. And then He abandons our fears and our sorrows and our hardness of hearts in the grave. Jesus walks out of His grave but abandons our sins and inability to trust Him in the grave. And He comes to us alive and living with strength, comfort, and courage God alone has. He says to you *"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, I am Your God. I will help you. I will strengthen you. I will uphold you with My victorious right hand. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the ages"* (Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:19). He is the Creator of wind and wave. He is the Savior from the storm.

Shakespeare's play *The Tempest* opens with a ship out on sea in a big storm. Wind and wave break the ship apart. On board is the king of Naples. He does his best to appear kingly. But the ship is sinking. Antonio cries out *"Let's all sink with the king."*

How different it is with our King Jesus. He stands tall above wind and wave. He lifts His disciples out of the storm. We have a King who sails through the storms with us. He has the power to see us through when all seems lost.

Do you understand who He is? Do you know what He has done? Can you trust His strength, His comfort, His courage? Can you see His perfect calm and presence in the eye of any storm?

Brothers and Sisters, let us live with Jesus. Let us die with Jesus. Let us rise with Jesus. Let us live with Jesus.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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| 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood." | Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea. |
| 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received
Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"? | 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your
throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast. |
| 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day. | 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood." |

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Prayer of the Church

- P** Great are You, O Lord, and greatly to be praised.
C **You rule earth and sea and sky.**
- P** We give You thanks for the blessings of creation and life that come from Your abundant goodness.
C **Give to Your Church boldness to speak of Your awesome deeds and sing always of Your righteousness.**
- P** Lord, You are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.
C **Be glorified in Your Church and in Christ Jesus!**
- P** Ground us in love, give us a faith rooted in the promises of Christ.
C **Give us strength to comprehend with all the saints His love that surpasses knowledge.**
- P** Lord of might, spare us and future generations from wickedness.
C **Give blessing to our nation and its leaders to rule according to Your good pleasure.**
- P** Protect the members of our armed forces, especially . . . , and protect members of police and other public servants. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, through Your Son and His reconciling death, we receive all good gifts, healing and sustenance. We bring before You the sick and those in need [*especially _____*]. Give them healing and protection.
C **Encourage them in the midst of this life by the recognition of Your Fatherly providence known in Christ, our Savior.**

Pastor prays the petitions of the congregation including for Rev. Charles Ferry, missionary to South East Asia.

- P** O Lord, do not allow our hearts to become hardened by indifference or any frustration in this world.
C **Give us understanding and courage to sustain us in this valley of sorrows.**
- P** Lead us to Your blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith.
C **Eating Your true body and drinking Your blood, may we receive forgiveness of sins and confidence according to Christ's New Testament.**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
C **Amen.**

Pastor presents additional petitions of the congregation.

LET US PRAY FOR

Cancer: Karen Cox, Donny Cutaiar, Carol Farmere, Terry Gould, Evelyn Koenig, Sheryl Voyles, Joanne Zieroth, Kristine Marlatt (Hoeft family), Tim Lewis (Pichan family), Irene Giese (Frank family), and Linda Pruchnik (Bertram family)

Continued Healing: Sandy Bryer, Donna Cole, Marlene Heise, Lisa Hicks-Clayton, Mary Murphy, Les Pedersen, Linda Hicks, Ralph Butzke, Ryan Romanczyk (Cochran family), Greg Millville (Cochran fam.), Marilyn Wischer, and Margie Milz

Recovering from Surgery: Mary Murphy and Roger St. Pierre

Health Concerns: Jean Donley (Sproul family), Sharon Henry, Bill Dettman, John Fowler, Donna Gorman, Judy, Bill Makowske, Gary Mueller, Steve Scheere, John Schwaegerle, Robert Upsher (Murphy family), Lola, Janeene Rotta, Shirley Brandt, Mary (Adler family), Coral Lepper (Hanson family), and Quinn Zimmerman (Doumont family)

Personal Concerns: Kim McKenna, Pam Gray, and Maurice St. Pierre

Concordia Lutheran School: as it seeks a Kindergarten teacher

Active Military: Andrew Bryer, Patrick Dennis, Gunnar Meyering, Michael O'Farrell, David Schultz, Jr., Alex Molnar, Steve Selleck, Kevin Vedder, & Nathan Cooke

Missionaries: Rev. Charles & Cheryl Ferry and Brandon & Lynnea Holmes

Preschool is Back! Please welcome Nicole Gillespie-Cain. She has accepted our position as our preschool instructor. *May our Lord guide her on her new journey.*

Birthdays: 07/26: Kelly Ianni

08/01: Paul Mills

07/27: Donna Sobieck

Gerald Moehring

07/29: Marian Salo



Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Mission & Outreach Minute

Mark 6:1-13: Jesus sent the twelve disciples to go two by two with the authority to cast out demons, heal the sick and preach to the people that they should repent. We are blessed to be disciples who follow our Lord's Great Commission to go wherever we can and speak boldly of the Good News of Jesus.

Next Week's Bible Readings

Psalm 145 Exodus 16:2-15 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:22-35



DIMES FOR MISSIONS

Today's offering supports Rev. Charles Ferry who manages missions in Asia for our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. His latest newsletter is posted on the bulletin board. He requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they hear the Word of God and for new Christians around them that the Lord would sustain and strengthen them. Besides coins, dollar bills or paper money of any denomination and checks payable to Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church earmarked "Dimes for Missions – Ferry" may be given. And offering basket marked "Dimes for Missions" is in the Narthex to receive your gift.

Sunday Bible Study:



@11 a.m. in the Bible Study Room

Join the Sunday morning Bible class after worship (11:00 a.m.) as pastor leads the class in another event of Holy Week from the Gospel of Mark.

Curbside Communion: Today, Sunday, July 25



Pastor Mau brings Communion to your car after worship Sunday mornings. Pastor checks his phone for text messages requesting Communion after worship. Text or call min at (847)962-9068. It's getting warmer, so come on out!

August's Newsletter is right around the corner!



Please submit your article to Gwen & Michelle in the church office by **July 28** for inclusion in August's Newsletter.

Future Men's Club Events



The Men's Club is going to a Tigers Game!

Thursday, July 29: Detroit Tigers vs Baltimore Orioles,

Game time 7:10 p.m. We will carpool from the church parking lot, leaving at 6 p.m

We will get upper deck tickets along the 3rd base line, price \$19.

Sign up on the sheet posted on the Men's Club bulletin board by **today, Sunday, July 25.**

COME AND SAY FAREWELL TO PASTOR MAU



August 1 is Pastor Mau's scheduled last Sunday with us.

He's been among us 13 months preaching, teaching Bible Class and our Youth Confirmation Class through Concordia Lutheran School, taken communion to a few who can't make it to church, and made himself available for conversation, Elders' Meetings, and Council Meetings.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 will be an OUTDOOR SERVICE (weather permitting) at our regular time of 9:30 a.m.

We'll worship under the gym's overhang by the playground. You may bring your own comfy-chair or sit on one of ours.

Stay after worship for the **FAREWELL CAKE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR** and let pastor know how much you appreciated his presence!



Men's Bible Study:

Saturday, Aug 7, 10:00 am in the library

Bring your own beverage. We will be adhering to physical distancing.



Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, August 19th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Freewill **RIB Dinner** followed by lawn games, including the Annual Croquet Tournament. Bring a friend, relative or rival you're just "itching" to beat in bocce ball. Ice tea & pop will be provided, bring your own beer if desired. Sign up on the ramp bulletin board.

Don't miss this Premier Summer Event!!!



Concordia's 10th Annual Golf Outing

Sunday, Aug 29 @ Whispering Willows Golf Course

Golf is \$110 or \$400 for a foursome

Includes carts, lunch on the turn, dinner, and prizes.

Register with Michelle in the office or on the school website, www.concordials.org

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OF CONCORDIA



Preschool is Back!

Let's get the word out!

We are accepting application or children 3-4 years old.

Please contact Robyn Wiggins at 313-937-2424 or rwiggin@hosannatabor.org.



Concordia has a Job Opportunity:

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Concordia Lutheran School, in Redford and Farmington Hills, plans to call or contract a kindergarten teacher for 2021-2022 and following. The position is for full day kindergarten and requires a Bachelor's Degree in education and a Michigan Teaching certificate. The kindergarten meets at the Farmington Hills campus at 20805 Middlebelt. Interested teachers call the school office, 313-937-2233.



Communion at home

Do you wish communion at home?

Do you know a member not attending worship who would enjoy pastor coming by for a visit bringing a devotion and the Lord's Supper? Pastor Mau is now fully vaccinated in accordance with CDC guidelines. Call his cell number (847) 962-9068 for an appointment.



The Annual Summer Deficit Renovation Drive

It appears our income will match expenditures.

So our goal for this summer's deficit "renovation" drive of \$20,000 will help take care of needed maintenance.

A basement wall & drainage repairs will keep our basement dry & secure for years to come.

The hallway carpet in the school is in need of replacement.

Special contributions from willing and able members will help make these projects a reality.

Make your check payable to Hosanna-Tabor earmarked "Renovation Drive".

Collected to date: \$6,575



Coffee fellowship volunteers wanted

The Board of Elders are seeking people with the spiritual gift and joy of hosting coffee fellowships after worship. Leave your name with Michelle or Gwen in the church office or Bob Cochran. See Bob Cochran for more details.



Watch Sunday Worship at Home

Can't make Sunday worship? You can still worship with the congregation or visit **hosannatabor.org**, scroll down the home page and click Sunday worship. Sunday's worship is available Saturday at 10 a.m. Or visit "Hosanna Media" at YouTube videos.

HOSANNA-TABOR: July 25 – Aug 1, 2021

Pastor Mau's office hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pastor Mau may be reached at 847-962-9068 or gmau@hosannatabor.org

Summer Office hours: Tue, Wed, and Thu 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sun.	25	Communion Service (Dimes for Missions: Ferry family)	9:30 a.m.
		Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Mon.	26		
Tues.	27	"Inspired by Hope" thoughts and pictures due	
Wed	28	August Newsletter submissions are due	12:00 p.m.
Thu.	29	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
		Men's Club at the Detroit Tigers game. Car pool is leaving at	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	30		
Sat.	31	Sunday Worship at Home available on our website	10:00 a.m.
Sun.	01	Outdoor Worship Service (Pastor Mau's last Service with us)	9:30 a.m.
		Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.
		Bible Study	11:00 a.m.

SERVING US THIS SUNDAY, July 25

Rev. Gerhard Mau

Elders: Rich Lewandowski and Bob Cochran

Organist: Roman Lizak

Reader: Sharon Fischer

Counters: Mick Giandiletti and Jim Lubeck

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY, August 1

Rev. Gerhard Mau

Elder: Gerry Moehring

Organist: Roman Lizak

Reader: Angela Stone

Counters: Sharon Fisher and Walter Schultz