

# Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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Service: Prayer and Preaching

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## AS WE GATHER

For all of the Bible’s reassurances of how much God loves us, cares for us, protects and guides us, it is, nevertheless, of our fallen, sinful nature that we still at times harbor doubts and even despairingly want to argue with God Himself and question His love and promises. The undying question is “Why?” The troubles, setbacks, trials, tragedies, and reverses in life do that. The Word before us today describes those times with the imagery of the destructive power of raging water and the greater power of God to deliver from threatening distress. Even when threatened with a raging flood, we are reminded that our help is still in the God who created everything. The trials of the otherwise “blameless and upright” man of God named Job (1:1) and the Lord’s patient yet commanding love in His answer to Job’s complaint should remind us to live our faith in daily repentance yet always still in praise of our saving God.

### Stewardship Blurb:

**Mark 4:40** – “He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’” Faith means trust. If we trust the Lord, what do we have to be afraid of? Isn’t it fear that holds us back in our stewardship? Isn’t it fear that stops us from following the Lord’s Word to give generously toward His work in the church? Well ... “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” The Lord has proved His trustworthiness by His cross. You can trust Him.

[Jesus] awoke  
and rebuked  
the wind and  
said to the  
sea, “Peace! Be  
still!” And the  
wind ceased,  
and there was  
a great calm.  
*Mark 4:39*

Opening Hymn: LSB #717 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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Opening Versicles

Old Testament Canticle

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Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

*Job 38:1–11*

Psalms Reading

*Psalms 124*

Epistle Reading

*2 Corinthians 6:1–13*

Holy Gospel Reading

*Mark 4:35–41*

Responsory

Ten Commandments

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Apostles’ Creed

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Lord’s Prayer

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day: LSB #726 “Evening and Morning”

Offering

Prayer

Collect of the Day

Collect for the Word

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Morning Prayer

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New Testament Canticle

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Blessing

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Closing Hymn: LSB #752 “Be Still, My Soul”

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