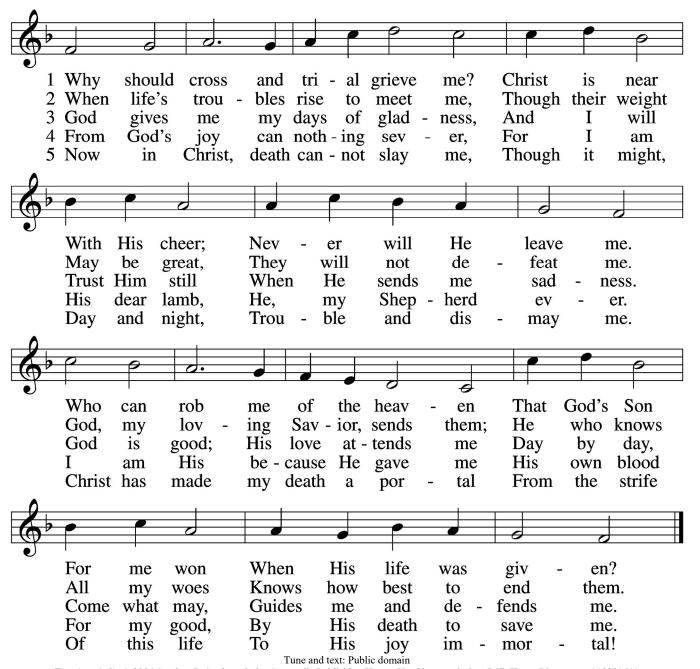
Pastor's Bible Study

June 19, 2024 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



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Read Job 38:1-11:

- 1. Why is the Lord answering Job?
- 2. What was Job's question or concern?
- 3. How does God's answer to Job strike you?
- 4. What does God's answer to Job reveal to him and to us?

Read Mark 4:35-41:

- 1. What body of water are Jesus and the disciples crossing? From where to where?
- 2. Who was the crowd?
- 3. Why would Jesus speak to the crowd from a boat?
- 4. Has the disciples' question (see v. 38) ever been on your mind and heart?
- 5. Which do you think caused greater fear in the disciples: a) the storm or b) Jesus who calmed the storm?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:1-13:

1. What is Paul alluding to with his phrase, "in a favorable time?" To what is he connecting his readers?

Devotional Thought:

When Jesus rebukes the wind and waves, the lifeless storm shows a greater recognition of His divine power than the disciples. Similar examples still abound, as the brute forces of nature invariably obey the Lord's commands better than people, including God's own children, obey them. But the Lord nonetheless continues to love and care for us, despite our dullness and doubts. He not only calms all of the storms in our lives but actually does so in ways that mature our faith and lead us to trust Him more deeply (Adapted from the Lutheran Study Bible, 1664).

Prayer:

Lord, forgive our doubts, for we sometimes take Your silence as nothing more than sleepy indifference. Remind us that You never sleep not slumber, but always keep us under Your watchful eye. Amen.