

Pastor's Bible Study

June 19, 2024 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will
4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am
5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
May be great, They will not de - feat me.
Trust Him still When He sends me sad - ness.
His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.
Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows
God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,
I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood
Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?
All my woes Knows how best to end them.
Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
For my good, By His death to save me.
Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

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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.