

Sunday, Jun 23, 2024 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.



"WHY?"

Pastor Steve Albertin

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* (indicates please stand)

Prelude A Mighty Fortress is our God Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship Speak O Lord

Announcements

* Greeting & Passing of Peace

Song Now the Feast and Celebration ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Song Be Ye Glad

please be seated

Lesson Job 38:1-11 Pew Bible pg 474

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mark 4:35-41 Pew Bible pg 914

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message Pastor Steve Albertin

Sermon "Why?" Pastor Steve Albertin

- "Why do bad things happen to good people?" is the essential question raised by the Book of Job.
- Job is Bill Gates and Billy Graham all rolled into one. But then Job loses everything. Surely then he will curse God. But Job remains patient.
- But in Chapters 3-37 we see a very different Job. He demands an explanation from God for his suffering.
- God finally answers Job (chapter 38). But this isn't the answer Job wanted: "Job, who do you think you are? I (God) don't have to explain myself to you!"
- The message: Neither life nor God are manageable or understandable. To persist in demanding an explanation for our suffering only reveals our sinful desire to be God . . . just like Adam and Eye before us.

- Instead we have new questions: Why does God still love us even when we behave so badly?
- For that question God has an answer: Jesus!
- God offers no explanation for evil and suffering. But God does offer a solution: Jesus!

* Song

How Great Is Our God

please be seated

The Offering

* Offertory

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

* Apostles' Creed

ELW pg 105

Prayers of the Church: (the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)

Members:

Lee & Wes, Ruth, Carole, Vickie, John, Brian & Judy

Family & Friends Lois, Mark, Carol, Chris, Susan, Ken, Linda, Jeannie, Joyce, Jackie, Randall & Mary, Ross

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Benediction

* **Sending Song** The Battle Belongs to the Lord

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Fugue in b minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Please join us for a Congregational Meeting following worship today to Affirm the Budget and to hear from the Krohns on a recap from the Synod Assembly.