

**Gathering Song** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* ELW 756

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

**Hymn of the Day** *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* ELW 755

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
over life's tempestuous sea;  
unknown waves before me roll,  
hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;  
chart and compass come from thee.  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

- 2 As a mother stills her child,  
thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
boist'rous waves obey thy will  
when thou say'st to them: "Be still."  
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 3 When at last I near the shore,  
and the fearful breakers roar  
twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
then, while leaning on thy breast,  
may I hear thee say to me:  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888

**Sending Song** *When Our Song Says Peace* ELW 709

- 1 When our song says peace and the world says war,  
we will sing despite the world.  
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
who breaks the spear and sword  
and stills the storm of war.
- 2 When our song says free and the world says bound,  
we will sing despite the world.  
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
who opens prison doors  
and sets the captives free.
- 3 When our song says home and the world says lost,  
we will sing despite the world.  
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
who brings us home at last,  
and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

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### First Reading: Job 38:1-11

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good.

**For God’s mercy endures forever.**

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

<sup>3</sup>**Gathering them in from the lands; from the east and  
from the west, from the north and from the south.**

<sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships,  
plying their trade in deep waters.

<sup>24</sup>**They beheld the works of the LORD,  
God’s wonderful works in the deep.**

<sup>25</sup>Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

<sup>26</sup>**They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the  
depths; their souls melted away in their peril.**

<sup>27</sup>They staggered and reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of no avail.

<sup>28</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea.

<sup>30</sup>**Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.**

<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.

<sup>32</sup>**Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!**

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

### Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**