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The creation itself testifies to the fact that our God is awesomely powerful. When we combine His power with His justice, especially that He is a God who hates sin and we are sinners, it's easy to conclude at times that God is punishing us or getting even with us for some sin.

It's true that the writer to the Hebrews states, "*My son, do not regard the Lord's discipline lightly, and do not become weary of his correction. For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves, and he corrects every son he accepts*" (**Hebrews 12:5-6**). So, how do we reconcile God's justice with His mercy? How are we able to say that the Lord in love "disciplines" us and trust that He "*does not treat us as our sins deserve. He does not repay us according to our guilty deeds?*" (**Psalm 103:10**) Jesus is the answer.

In fact, St. Paul in our epistle lesson today wraps up the fifth chapter with that most powerful and reassuring verse: "*God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him*" (**2 Corinthians 5:21**). With that truth at the center of our lives, we know that any discipline God allows, or generally speaking any hardship that comes our way due to living in this sin-fallen world, God will "*make all things work for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose*" (**Romans 8:28**).

Order of Worship: ELH Page 109, "*Matins*."

Hymns: 76, 434, 364, 206

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Job 38:1-11. The LORD humbles the disgruntled Job, who questioned God's wisdom in allowing his afflictions. In turn, through a series of questions, the LORD of faithful grace shows Job his foolishness.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 46. The Sons of Korah point believers to God's ultimate control of all things, as the "storm stiller" in their lives (CW pg.84).

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. In this "God's Great Exchange" portion of Scripture, Paul assures how God demonstrated His love by sending Jesus to take our sins and make us right with Him.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6, EHV)

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41. By calming the fierce storm on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus demonstrated His power as true God, and our Savior uses this occasion to faith-build His doubting disciples.

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Sermon: Job 38:1-11

Theme - "You Will Have Your Day In Court"

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: What does the phrase mean that the LORD answered Job "out of the storm?"
- Old Testament: When Job puts God on trial, as it were, for His actions against Job, how does the LORD answer him? What's the LORD's point?
- Epistle: The whole world will indeed stand in God's courtroom on Judgment Day. As our Just Judge, how did God satisfy His demand for justice and acquit us?
- Gospel: When Jesus' disciples questioned God's control of the stormy situation, how did Jesus demonstrate His loving control?

Announcements:

+ **July 10 – Praise in the Park.** Please join us for worship and a presentation by Bethany College's Bruce Gratz. There will be a picnic and gifts for the youngsters! Time: 4-6 pm.

+ Bible Class. Please join us Sunday mornings at 8:00 am for Bible class as we study the book of Psalms.

Job 38:1-11 – Then the LORD responded to Job out of a violent storm. He said: Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans with his ignorant words? Get ready for action like a man! Then I will ask you questions, and you will inform me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you understand anything about it. Who determined its dimensions? I am sure you know. Who stretched out the surveying line over it? What supports its foundation? Who set its cornerstone in place, when the morning stars sang loud songs together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Who locked up the sea behind doors when it burst out of the womb? When I clothed the sea with clouds, when I wrapped it with thick darkness as its swaddling cloths, when I broke its power with my decree, when I locked it up behind barred, double doors, I said, "You may come this far, but no farther. Here is the barrier for your proud waves." (EHV™)

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 – For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again. As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors

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for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him, who did not know

sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. (EHV™)

Mark 4:35-41 – On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s go over to the other side.” After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up. Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we are about to drown?” Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind stopped, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?” They were filled with awe and said to one another, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!” (EHV™)