

St. Mark 4:40

Jesus said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021

Prelude	<i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</i>	arr. J. Vogt
	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
*The Processional Hymn	<i>Day by Day</i>	(ELW) No. 790

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise

How Great Thou Art

(ELW) NO. 856

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: For those who love You, O God, You have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose You in and above all things. For only then shall we have what You promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 124

¹If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

²If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;

³Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

⁴Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;

⁵Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

⁶Blessed be the Lord! He has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* The Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

When Peace like a River

(ELW) No. 785

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

I Am Thine Oh Lord

arr. G. Sewell

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(ELW) No. 188

*The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

*The Benediction *(sung response)*

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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*FLC Sending Hymn

Be The Love of Christ

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

*The Dismissal *(response)*

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Glorious Savior, Lord of All

arr. B. Barclay

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

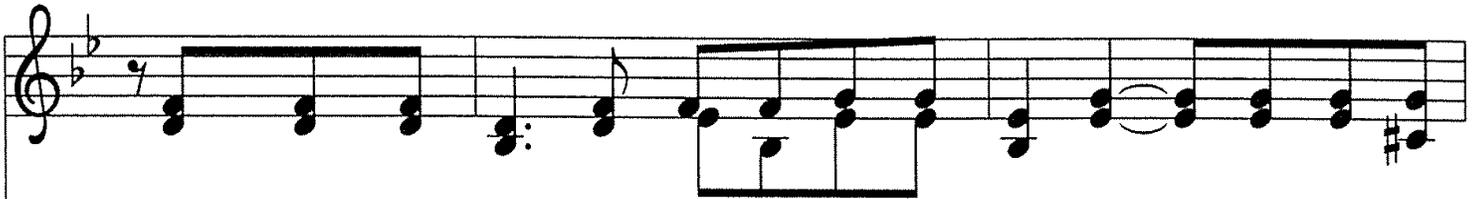
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



How Great Thou Art

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

When Peace like a River

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It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,



Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a continuation of the melodic line with some rests. The bass staff maintains the harmonic support.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system features a more active melodic line in the treble staff, including some eighth-note runs. The bass staff continues with steady accompaniment.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

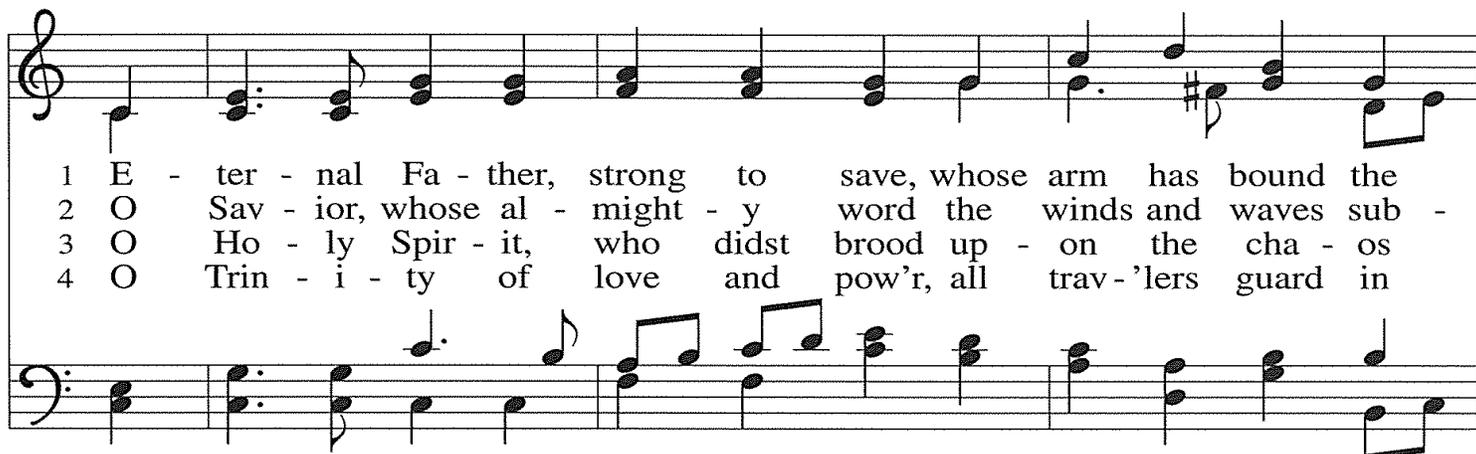
The fourth system shows the melody moving towards a phrase end with a colon. The bass staff provides a solid harmonic foundation.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

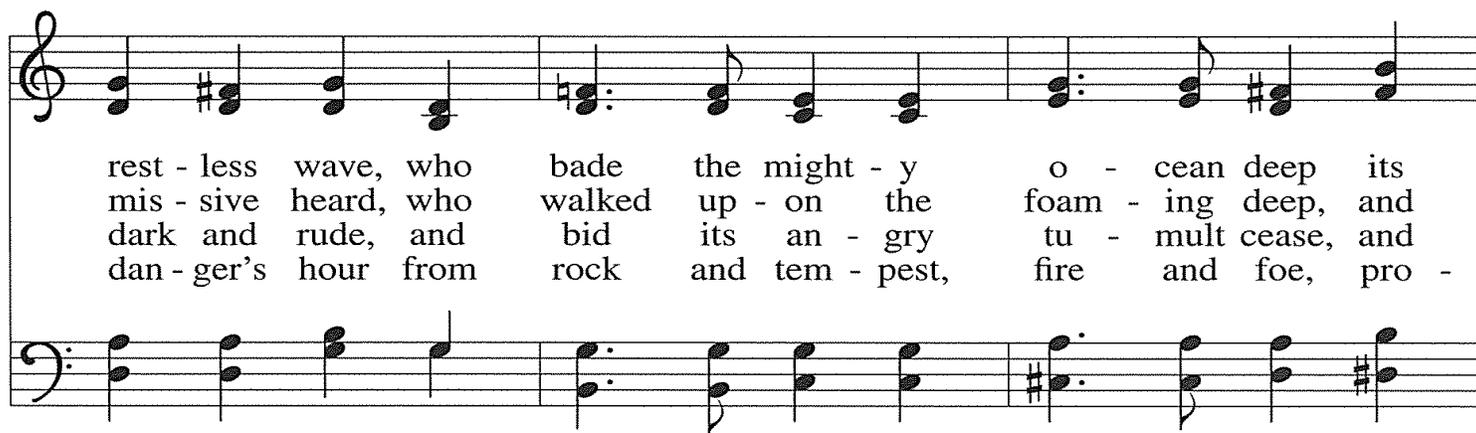
The fifth and final system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff also concludes with a double bar line.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

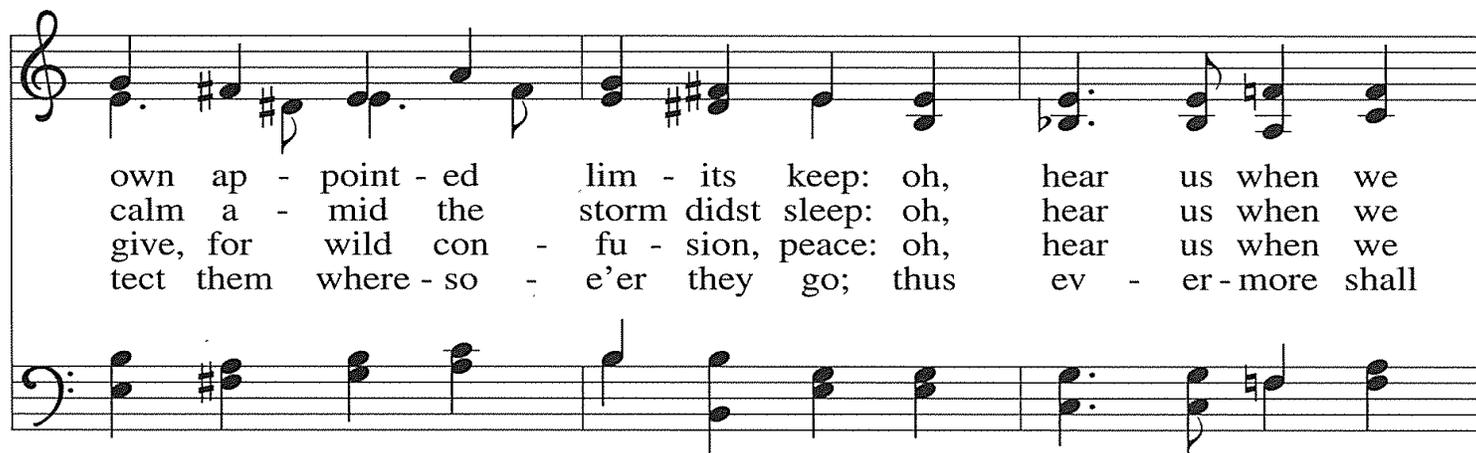
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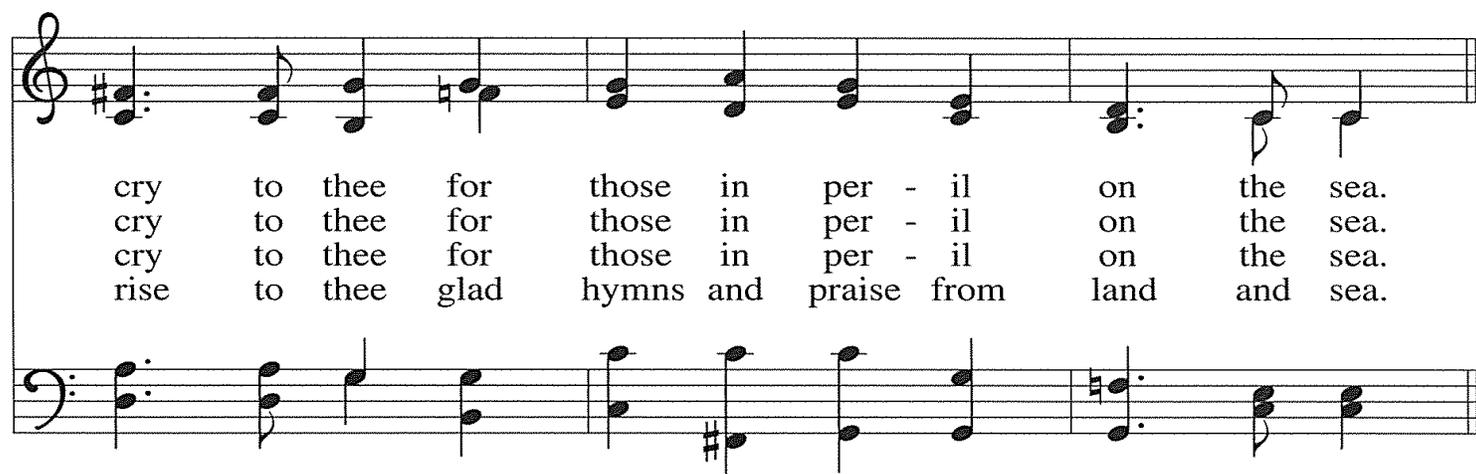
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God in loving honor of Nathaniel Black on his birthday and Mark Black on Father's Day. Also, in loving memory of Frank Black and Bernard Killen on Father's Day. A donation is made to the roof fund.

The Lay Reader is Kimberly Grewe.

Counters/Greeters today are C. Group and V. Group.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Sunday from 1-2 & Thursday from 7-8 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2021 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2021. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2021. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Joanne Reck, Chiquita, Patricia Zablony, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Tillie Shawin, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan David Mayer, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Mary Kay McDonald, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, and Richard.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

June 20, 2021 — Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

“Peace! Be still!” (Mark 4:39)

The 4th chapter of Mark begins with Jesus preaching a string of parables. We read of the sower crazily scattering seed with some landing on rocky soil, lit lamps hiding under baskets, sowers not knowing how the harvest grows, and a mustard seed growing wildly out of control.

After all this preaching, teaching, and explaining, Jesus became tired and wanted some alone time. He takes a boat trip with his disciples to “the other side.” During the journey, exhausted Jesus falls asleep on a cushion in the stern of the boat. A great wind comes up, tossing the occupants about and causing them to be afraid. Waves were breaking over and spilling into the little boat threatening to sink it. All the while, Jesus is asleep, seemingly unaware of the dire situation.

And that’s when the trouble begins. We hear the cry of the disciples: “Don’t you care that we are drowning?” The disciples’ cry is more honest than even they know. They are human beings and are perishing. Maybe not in this storm, but perhaps in another. Jesus awakens and rebukes the wind and the sea. It’s worth noting that Jesus doesn’t criticize or rebuke the disciples because of their fear. Jesus quiets the wind and waves with a two-fold command: “Peace! Be still!” Simply by speaking, Jesus produces a “great calm.”

All is well once again, that is, except for one more thing that is required. Jesus teaches them by asking a two-fold question, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” Jesus is explaining, “Open your eyes! The world is under the power of the coming kingdom of God.”

Once again, Jesus is teaching in parables. But this parable isn’t a sermon, it’s a storm. The disciples ask themselves, “Who then is this?” With “great fear” they wonder about that question. It’s easy to understand why they are afraid in the storm, but why are they afraid when Jesus teaches them? Do they fear because they’ve just witnessed Jesus perform another miracle? Are they afraid because they realize that it’s a risky thing to go sailing with Jesus? “Even the wind and the sea obey him” is an amazing thing to say about Jesus. We were warned at the opening statement. Jesus is more than just a person, a teacher, a preacher; he is none other than the Son of God.