

**Liturgy Statements and Hymns for  
Job 1:13-22; Luke 13:1-5; John 9:1-7  
Our Comfort in Trouble**

The Hymn Numbers are from the red New Trinity Hymnal.

Today's worship theme is God's help in times of trouble, such as the recent tornadoes. The prelude meditation reminds us that even the wind obeys Jesus. The call to worship calls us to worship God as our very present help in trouble who calms our fears. The offertory reminds us that we have treasure in heaven which is beyond earthly hazards. The assurance of pardoning grace reminds us that no calamity can separate us from the love of Christ. The benediction reminds us that God is our keeper. The opening hymn praises Jesus as our shield and hiding place who drives away our fear. The second hymn reminds us that behind a frowning providence, God hides a smiling face. The closing hymn exhorts us to trust in God through all the difficulties of life.

**Prelude Meditation**

Matthew 8:24-27

And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' But He said to them, 'Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, 'Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?'

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 46:1-3,10-11

*NKJ God is our refuge and strength,*

*A very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear,*

*Though the earth be removed,*

*And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;*

*Though its waters roar and be troubled,*

*Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah*

*Be still, and know that I am God;*

*I will be exalted among the nations,*

*I will be exalted in the earth!*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;*

*The God of Jacob is our refuge.*

**\*Hymn of Praise**

No. **647**

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

**Offertory Statement**

Matthew 6:19-21

*NKJ Jesus said: Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Romans 8:35-39

*NKJ What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### **\*Hymn**

No. 128

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

### **Scripture Lesson**

Job 1:13-22; Luke 13:1-5; John 9:1-7

13 *Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house;*

14 *and a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them,*

15 *"when the Sabeans raided them and took them away -- indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"*

16 *While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"*

17 *While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"*

18 *While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,*

19 *"and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"*

20 *Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.*

21 *And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."*

22 *In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.*

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1 *There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.*

2 *And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things?"*

3 *"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.*

4 *"Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem?"*

5 *"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."*

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1 *Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.*

2 *And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"*

3 *Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.*

4 *"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.*

5 *"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

6 *When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.*

7 *And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.*

## **Sermon**

"Our Comfort in Trouble"

## **\*Hymn of Response**

No. **670**

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

## **Benediction**

Psalm 121:5-8

*NKJ The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore. Amen.*