



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:30 Service of the Word

In today's gospel reading we encounter the disciples right after the Feeding of the 5000 miracle. Jesus has sent them across the Sea of Galilee while he dismisses the crowd. The disciples have a difficult night, constantly fighting the wind. After hours of struggling Jesus approaches them walking on the water. Why did he send them into these rough waters, and what will he do when he gets to them?

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is shown in the nursery.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

The worship leader stands by the baptismal font. Water may be poured into it.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered
over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into
freedom's, land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal
life.

Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with
the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the
floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,
though the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus
(For music see Hymn 698 in the Blue Hymnal)

1. **We were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized in his death;
that as Christ was raised victorious,
we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united
in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

2. **In the water and the witness,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus
who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning
From the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

3. **Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. A-men**

Text and Music: John Ylvisaker, b. 1937, alt.

Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13, Romans 10)

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.

A: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

A: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

A: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time, you are God. Guide us all to your truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Exodus 33:17-23

B: ¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” ¹⁹And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Job 9 (*read responsively*)

D: how can a mortal be just before God?

**C: ³If one wished to contend with him,
one could not answer him once in a thousand.**

D: ⁴He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength—
who has resisted him, and succeeded?—

**C: ⁵he who removes mountains, and they do not know it,
when he overturns them in his anger;**

D: ⁶who shakes the earth out of its place,
and its pillars tremble;

**C: ⁷who commands the sun, and it does not rise;
who seals up the stars;**

D: ⁸who alone stretched out the heavens
and trampled the waves of the Sea;

**C: ⁹who made the Bear and Orion,
the Pleiades and the chambers of the south;**

D: ¹⁰who does great things beyond understanding,
and marvelous things without number.

**C: ¹¹Look, he passes by me, and I do not see him;
he moves on, but I do not perceive him.**

Second Reading Romans 8:26-30

E: [Paul writes] ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Romans 8:26)

C: Alleluia. We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Mark 6:45-56

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. ⁴⁹But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; ⁵⁰for they all saw

him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”⁵¹ Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded,⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Wade in the Water
(For music see Hymn 459 in the Red Hymnal)

Refrain **Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

1. **See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
the leader looks like the Israelite.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.** *Refrain*

2. **See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
looks like the band that Moses led.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.** *Refrain*

3. **Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.** *Refrain*

**4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
just follow me down the Jordan stream.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

Text and Music: African American spiritual

† BAPTISM †

Baptism of Karson Bentley Eckert

Please turn to the Service of Holy Baptism on page 227 in the front of the Red Hymnal.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† THANKSGIVING †

Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard,
break the stone away.
When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

Text and music: Handt Hanson, b. 1950, Copyright 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing/Changing Church, Inc.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray:

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand
(For music see Hymn 773 in the Red Hymnal)

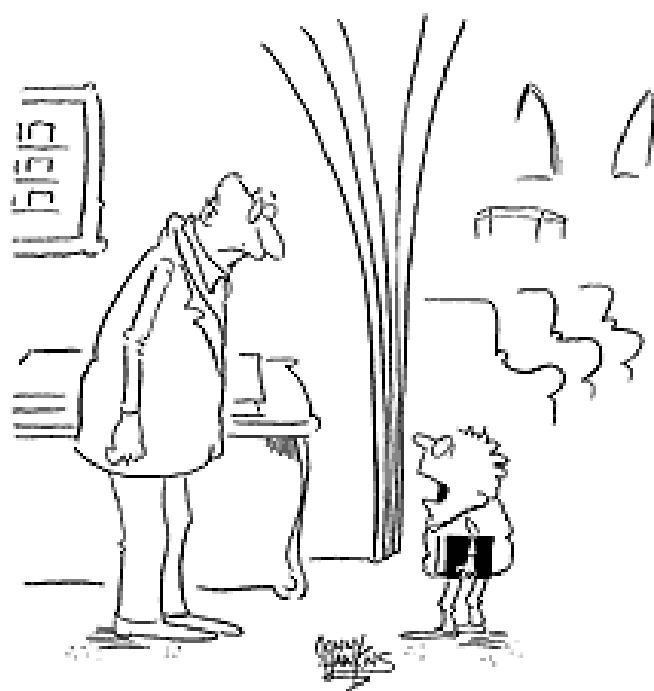
1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold me hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

Text: Tomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993. Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A Dorsey. Text and music copyright 1938, 1966 Unichappell Music Inc., admin. Hal Leonard Corp.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.



"I slept in church because I'm striving
to be more like God, and on the
seventh day He rested."



Campbell

"...and for forty days, and forty nights, the cat was never away."

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Mary and Greg Zuege
Acolyte	Alyssa Young
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	Eckerts and Bousseaus

Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 21, 2023

Greeters and Ushers	John and Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Sue Kaufmann
Communion Assistant	Greg Zuege
Counters	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann
Coffee Hour	

Scripture readings from the *New Revised Standard Version Bible* copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States, unless otherwise noted. Psalm from *The Psalter* copyright 1994, Liturgical Training Publications. Variable worship texts from *Sundays and Seasons 2024* copyright 2023 Augsburg Fortress.

St. John's Lutheran Church
888 County Road 9, Victor, NY 14564
stjohnsvictor.com (585) 924-5192
The Rev. Jonathan Deibler, Pastor
William Shi, Pianist