



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Luke 8:22-56

March 27, 2022

10:30 Service of the Word

Fear, Chaos, Calamity, Death... These are powerful forces at work in today's reading from Luke's gospel. We'll look at three different scenes and discover how Jesus' power dominates them all. Sometimes our own lives feel out of control. Even so, Jesus is with us in the midst of it and he is providing help to restore peace and calm.

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.

Nursery care is still not being offered due to the pandemic.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Apostles' Greeting

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.

In Jesus' name your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn He Is Exalted

(For music turn to Hymn 14 in the Songbook binder)

1. **He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name!**

Chorus

**He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!**

2. **He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name!**

Chorus 2 times

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Gathering Dialog (Romans 10)

P: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

P: 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.

P: 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...

Mighty God, all of creation is subject to you and under your care. When the world around us rages in chaos pour out your peace and restore stability. Let us ever rejoice in the goodness you provide, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

Scripture Poetry Psalm 89:6-19 (read responsively)

A: The skies tell your wonders, Lord,
the stars, your constant love.

**C: In the heavens what equals you?
What god compares with you?**

A: Great and dreaded God,
you strike terror among the holy ones.

**C: Who is like you, Lord of might,
clothed in truth, a God of power?**

A: You rule the storming seas,
you calm the roaring waves.

**C: Yes! You split the sea monster
and scatter your enemies.**

A: Yours the sky, yours the earth,
yours the world of creatures.

**C: You created north and south
Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon
sing out your name.**

A: Yours, a mighty arm,
yours, a powerful hand
raised in triumph.

**C: Justice and right anchor your throne,
fidelity and love attend you.**

A: How your people rejoice!
you summon us into your light.

**C: Lord, your name is our joy,
and your justice, our strength.**

A: You, our glory and power,
favor us with victory,

**C: you, the Holy One of Israel,
our shield, our Lord, our King.**

Bible Reading Luke 8:22-56

B: One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

D: Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

E: Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. ⁴¹Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus’ feet and begged him to come to his house, ⁴²for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying.

F: As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. ⁴³Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. ⁴⁴She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵Then Jesus asked, “Who touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you

and press in on you.”⁴⁶But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.”⁴⁷When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.⁴⁸He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

E: While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.”⁵⁰When Jesus heard this, he replied, “Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.”⁵¹When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child’s father and mother.⁵²They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.”⁵³And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.⁵⁴But he took her by the hand and called out, “Child, get up!”⁵⁵Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat.⁵⁶Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(For music see Hymn 611 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus, as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

2. **I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank**

of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till trav’ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-188.9 Music: English Folk Tune

Response to the Word

A: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

(Jude 20)

A: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Jude 21*)

A: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!** (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

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.

Special Music

✠ PRAYER ✠

Prayers of Intercession

Your bulletin contains a slip of paper upon which you are invited to write a prayer petition. It can be anything at all! Or, you may leave it blank. We will have a 40 second pause to do this. After the pause you are invited to take your petition and put it in the small fire outside the side entrance door. During this time you are invited to sing:

For the Beauty of the Earth

(For music see Hymn 879 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

Refrain **Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

- 2. For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:** *Refrain*

- 3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony**

linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

4. **For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:** *Refrain*

5. **For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n:** *Refrain*

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

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: You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
Motherly, majestic, and mighty,
Bless you this day and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet
(For music turn to Hymn 36 in the Songbook binder)

**Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain***

**2. I will not forget your love for me and yet,
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end *Refrain***

**3. Instrumental-----

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain***

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: God's work. Our hands.



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Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Acolyte	Brody Ireland
Nursery Care	<i>not offered during the pandemic</i>
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	

Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 3

Greeters and Ushers	Greg and Mary Zuege
Acolyte	Creed White
Altar Care	Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistants	Greg Zuege
Nursery Care	<i>not offered during pandemic</i>
Counters	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann
Coffee Hour	

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