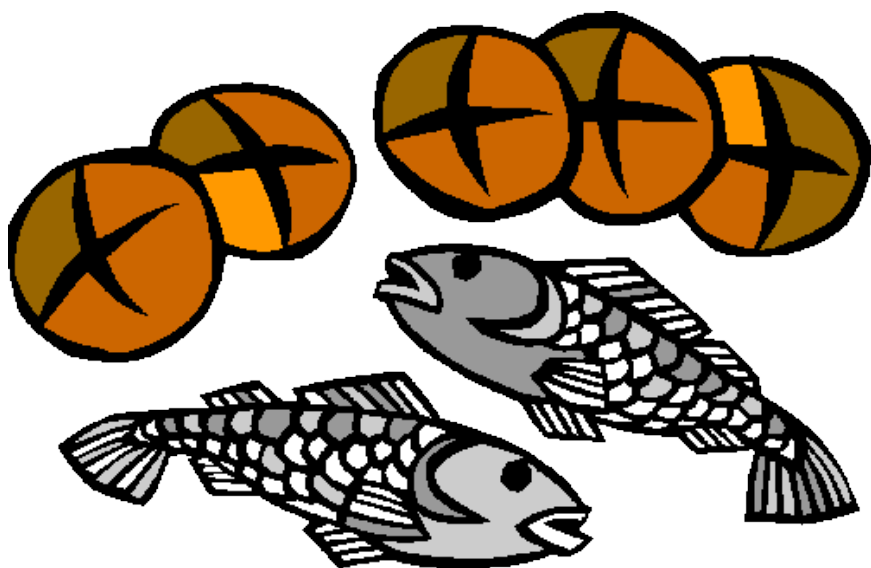




St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Matthew 14 – Community

February 12, 2017

10:30 Service of the Word

In chapters 1 through 12 of Matthew's gospel we learn about who Jesus is and how he will be the Messiah. In chapters 13 through 20 we discover more of what that means for our own lives. We learn that even when we fail as disciples Jesus is willing to stay with us.

Welcome to worship today!

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

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.
(A moment of silence for reflection)

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times:
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn It Is You

(For music turn to Hymn 91 in the Songbook)

Verse

**As we lift up our hands
Will You meet us here?
As we call on Your name
Will You meet us here?
We have come to this place
To worship You
God of mercy and grace
It is You we adore**

**It is You praises are for
Only You the heavens declare
It is You, it is You**

Chorus

**And holy holy is our God almighty
And holy holy is His name alone yeah
And holy holy is our God almighty
And holy holy is His name alone
It is You we adore
It is You, only You**

(Repeat Verse and Chorus)

Bridge

**As we lift up our hands
As we call on Your name
Will You meet us in this place
By Your mercy and grace
As we lift up our hands
As we call on Your name
Will You meet us in this place
By Your mercy and grace
It is You we adore
It is You, it is You**

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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.

Gathering Dialog (John 1)

A: In the beginning was the Word,

C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

A: In the Word was life,

C: and the life was the light of all people.

A: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading 2 Kings 4:38-44

³⁸When Elisha returned to Gilgal, there was a famine in the land. As the company of prophets was sitting before him, he said to his servant, "Put the large pot on, and make some stew for the company of prophets."

³⁹One of them went out into the field to gather herbs; he found a wild vine and gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew, not knowing what they were. ⁴⁰They served some for the men to eat. But while they were eating the stew, they cried out, "O man of God, there is death in the pot!" They could not eat it. ⁴¹He said, "Then bring some flour." He threw it into the pot, and said, "Serve the people and let them eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 37:1-11 (*read responsively*)

A: No need to fret over sinners
or to envy wrongdoers.

**C: They wither like grass,
they wilt like young plants.**

A: Trust God and do good,
settle down and be at peace.

**C: Delight in the Lord
who satisfies your heart.**

A: Give your life to the Lord.

Trust God to act on your behalf,

**C: to make your integrity shine forth
and your justice bright as noon.**

A: Be still, wait for the Lord.

Waste no energy fretting
about the success of evil schemers.

**C: Stop your ranting and raving,
for anger begets nothing but harm.**

A: Wrongdoers will be exiled,

but those who wait for God will possess the land.

**C: Soon the wicked shall vanish,
you will search and not find them;
but the poor will own the land
and enjoy wealth and peace.**

Second Reading Matthew 13:54-14:36

A1: [Jesus] came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? ⁵⁵Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?” ⁵⁷And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house.” ⁵⁸And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

A2: At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; ²and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” ³For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, ⁴because John had been telling him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” ⁵Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. ⁶But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod ⁷so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. ⁸Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” ⁹The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; ¹⁰he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it

to her mother. ¹²His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

A3: Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

A4: Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

³⁴When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, ³⁶and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Break Now the Bread of Life
(For music turn to Hymn 515 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves
beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
My spirit waits for you,
O living Word.**

2. **Bless your own truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me,
as when you blest the bread
by Gal-i-lee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
My All-in-All!**

3. **You are the bread of life,
O Lord, to me.
Your holy Word the truth
that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.**

Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

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

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

Offering

Hymn of Thanksgiving As the offering is brought forward the congregation sings:

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.

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Thanksgiving Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

A: 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 glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Take Our Lives

(For music turn to Hymn 58 in the Songbook binder)

- 1. You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood,
A holy nation, and we belong to You.
You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood,
A holy nation, and we belong to You.**

Refrain:

**Take our lives as a sacrifice
Shine in us Your holy light.
Purify our hearts' desire,
Be to us a consuming fire.**

- 2. You have shown us mercy, You have redeemed us,
Our hearts cry "Father we belong to You."
You have shown us mercy, You have redeemed us,
Our hearts cry "Father we belong to You." *Refrain***

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

YOU CAN HARDLY
BLAME PETER.

IT'S NOT LIKE
HE'D WALKED ON
WATER **BEFORE!**

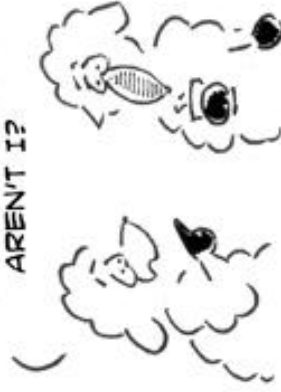


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WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO SEE
IS THAT EVEN THOUGH
PETER TAKES HIS EYES OFF
JESUS, JESUS NEVER TAKES
HIS EYES OFF OF PETER.



I'M SUPPOSED
TO FIND SOMETHING
PROFOUND IN THAT
AREN'T I?



MATTHEW 14:22-33

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Mike and Bettina Kalish
Acolyte	Ben Deibler
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Ethan and Alyssa Minkel
Coffee Hour	Lisa Kurilovitch

Worship assistants for next Sunday, February 19

Greeters and Ushers	Don and Sally Mansfield
Acolyte	Scott Wilmot
Altar Care	Helen Crown
Communion Assistants	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour	3 rd & 4 th Grade Sunday School

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