Take heart; it is I

Sunday, August 9, 2020
St. John’s Lutheran Church, Sherburn, MN
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Vicar: Mr. Jeff Hagen

Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship. May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.
OPENING HYMN  “O Worship the King” #804 vs 1-4
O worship the King, all glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow’r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

INVOCATION
L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth.
L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION
(Silence for reflection on God’s Word)
P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
C: Amen.

INTROIT  Psalm 18:1-6
L: I love you,
C: O Lord, my strength.
L: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
C: My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
L: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.
C: and I am saved from my enemies.
L: The cords of death encompassed me;
C: The torrents of destruction assailed me;
L: the cords of Sheol entangled me;
C: The snares of death confronted me.
L: In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help.
C: From his temple he heard my voice, from my cry to Him reached His ears.
All: (sing) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE
C: (sing) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Earth and All Stars” #817 (Verses 1,2,6 & 7)
Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory! Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Refrain: He has done marvelous things, I too will praise Him With a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
Children of God, dying and rising,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting,
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 38:4-18 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?”
4“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. 5Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? 6On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? 7Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, 8when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, 9when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, 10when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt’? 12”Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, 13that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it? 14The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment. 15The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised arm is broken. 16”Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? 17Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death? 18 Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL
L: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
C: His greatness no one can fathom.
L: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,
C: and I will proclaim Your great deeds.

Epistle Reading Romans 10:5-13 “With the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

5 Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 or 'Who will descend into the deep?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33 (Jesus walks on the water)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
C: (sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said.

30 Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

ALL: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” #717

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
O'er which our traffic runs a-main
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest,
Fire and foe, protect them where so' er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and Land and sea.

THE MESSAGE "Come out of the Boat!"

HYMN "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" #830
Spread the reign of God the Lord, spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call to His heav'nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father's will made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace, who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, working both to will and do.

Enter, mighty Word, the field; ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few for the work there is to do!

Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all see Your light and heed Your call.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #924
Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace,
O refresh us; O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD
Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, August 9
9:00 am Worship Service

Monday, August 10
6:30 pm Contemporary Style Communion Service

Wednesday, August 12
2:00 pm LWML

Sunday, August 16
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am 8th Grade Meeting for Confirmation

Tomorrow Night we will be offering a contemporary style communion service at 6:30 pm.

LWML will meet for an August meeting this Wednesday the 12th at 2:00 pm.

The LWML Gifts from the Heart is for the Correctional Ministry which helps Christian men and women who have been recently released from prison. The ministry provides housing, jobs, referrals to treatment, welcoming congregations, etc. Until they receive their first paycheck, they have some needs: The LWML is collecting the following items:
- Used good condition backpacks, duffle bags or luggage
- Tide pods
- Socks—men/women tube or crew socks (black or white)
- Food—complete meal non perishable such as soup, spaghetti, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly
- Bibles

Prayers: Steve Luhmann, Kurt Jans, Sue Dunker, Fern Hand, Tom Wescott, LaVerna Diekmann


Care List: Carroll Behne, Theodore Carnehl, Jan Manzey, Joyce Reigel, Reinold Hagen, Verna Bliesmer, Angie Leiding, Les Anderson, Taylor Antony, Dan Hanson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Sammie Moeller, Whitney Kassner, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Sherman, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, Bob Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts. (Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Ardis Brolsma, Racheal Crissinger, Tammy Gregory, Kent Meyers, Finch Crawford, Valeria Holm, Katelyn Hummel, Jessica Korte, Randy Nelson, Stephanie Gill, Nathan Hemiller, Eldon Potthoff, Charlotte Amborn, Lisa Lange, Nick Beseke, Tammy Kuehl

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Seth & Jennifer Kahler, Jeff & Sheri Markquart, Tim & Chris Eisenmenger, Mark & Michelle Rosen, Dave & Connie Cain, Steve & Peggy Meade, Todd & Angela Lange

We Remember the family and friends of Barb Johnson, cousin of Roberta Garbers, who was called to her eternal rest on August 4.

We Welcome Madelyn Jean Meyer as a member of St. John’s through Holy Baptism. Madelyn was born June 5, 2020 to William & Jayne Meyer. She was baptized on August 7, 2020.