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Matthew 14:30-31



“Jesus Won’t Let Go of Your Hand!”

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Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Robinson as he speaks to us about the faithfulness of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. The Savior who pursues us. The Savior that did not let go of Peter will never let go of us either.

We pray that you are blessed as we worship together today.

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US. Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose "e-tithing" by having a weekly deposit to St Paul's from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Opening Hymn 758 "The Will of God Is Always Best"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C **Amen.**

P 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.

(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:5)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 34:4-8; antiphon: v. 1

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P I sought the LORD, and He answered me

C **and delivered me from all my fears.**

P Those who look to Him are radiant,

C and their faces shall never be ashamed.

P This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

C and saved him out of all his troubles.

P The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him,

C and delivers them.

P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

C **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

All: 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.

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* (Mark 10:47)

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

LSB 187

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you. (*2 Timothy 4:22*)

C And with thy spir - it.

P 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 A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4–18

- ⁴The Lord said to Job: “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
⁹when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?
¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.
¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.
¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalms 34:9, 19

P Fear the LORD, you His saints,

C **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

Epistle

Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on Him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. ²³And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter 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 and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 873 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Sermon Text

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon "Jesus Won't Let Go of Your Hand!"

Hymn 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Prayers

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



G And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



G We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 136)



G It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*) *LSB 195*



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

☐ 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.

The Words of Our Lord (*1 Corinthians 11:23-25*) *LSB 197*

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord (*John 20:19*) *LSB 197*

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (John 1:29)

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Hymn 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Hymn 629 "What Is This Bread"

Hymn 627 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Hymn 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

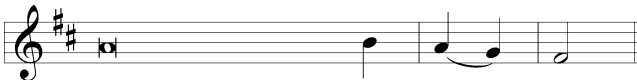


peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving (*Psalm 107:1*)

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus ~ *Let Us Bless* (*Psalm 103:1*)

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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Flowers on the altar today are placed there by Ellen Tjernagel in memory of her sister-in-law, Anna Tjernagel, whose birthday would have been August 7th.

Calendar of Events

- TODAY** **August 13, 2023**
- Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
- Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
- Ice Cream Social on Back Schoolyard & Playground After Services
- Final Day for Food Pantry donations
- MON: ~ First Day of School! ~**
- Day School Chapel 11:00 am
- TUES:**
- WED:**
- Day School Chapel 11:00 am
- THURS:**
- FRI:**
- Preschool Chapel 9:30 am
- NEXT SUNDAY** **August 20, 2023**
- Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
- Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Please join us! All St. Paul's church and school families are invited to attend **St. Paul's PTL Back-to-School Ice Cream Social TODAY** after the church service. We will gather in the back schoolyard and playground for ice cream, fun and fellowship as we **celebrate and kick off our 2023-2024 school year together!** For more information, please contact Heidi Wildauer.

The Evangelism Board will be delivering Welcome bags in Bremen on Monday, August 21st. Anyone interested in helping please meet at church at 5:00 pm to assemble bags and receive addresses. We should be done with bag delivery before 7 pm. This is a fun way to meet new neighbors and get a little exercise!

There are Welcome bags in the Narthex on the coat rack for anyone to give away to someone new; new neighbor, visitor to church, etc. We will pack more as those are given away!

Thank you to all our crafters for the wonderful dishcloths we have been putting in the Welcome bags! Thanks also for all your donations and prayers. We look forward to seeing you August 21st. Questions? Contact Deb Burcham or Angie Hughes.

Our Annual Naomi Meal is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th from 11:30 am – 1:15 pm. Just as Ruth took care of Naomi, our Elders (Board of Lay Ministry) would also like to take care of those who do not have a “voice” in the Voters’ Assembly. Please look for your invitations in the mail and more info to come. (You could even take time to check out the Rummage Sale while you are here.)

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND RINGERS - It's time to start preparing for the choir season again. Both the adult choir and bell choir will begin on Sunday, September 10th. Bell choir meets at 5:00 and the adult choir meets at 6:00 - both in the balcony of the church. No experience needed - we'll teach you. Those interested in bell choir need to let Ellen Augustine know so music can be marked for the appropriate number of ringers. This is really important when preparing for rehearsal. Anyone interested in adult choir can just show up. We welcome all singing parts. Please come join us in one or both choirs as we sing/ring praises to our gracious Lord. Contact Ellen Augustine if you have questions.

Executive Board of LWML will meet Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 pm, at Shirley Lakins' house.

YOUTH NEWS

Jr. High Youth Rally: Camp Lutherhaven is hosting the annual Jr. High Youth Rally on September 16-17th for Youth in Grades 6-8. This is a day and a half of Christian fellowship with other Youth from the Indiana District, Bible study, a guest speaker, and the typical camp activities. Cost per attendee is only \$30, which includes meals and housing. The Youth Board will offset the remaining registration fees. If interested, please sign up on the Youth bulletin board no later than August 20th. You must indicate your t-shirt size and a medical waiver is required to attend. Please contact Andy Wildauer with any questions.

SCHOOL CORNER

School starts TOMORROW! The classrooms are ready, we've had an Open House for students, and both the teachers and students are excited! Please remember to keep all staff and students in your prayers this year.

We will still accept students for Preschool and Kindergarten through 8th grade. We currently have 49 enrolled in the elementary school and 16 in the preschool. **If you know anyone looking for a Christian-based education for Preschool through 8th Grade, please encourage them to contact us.** *YOU are our best advertisements! Online enrollment is available through the church website (school side).* Our mission is to provide a Biblically based education, and now, with Choice Scholarships and many other scholarship options, we can make our school more affordable!

Please remember to give to the SGO!

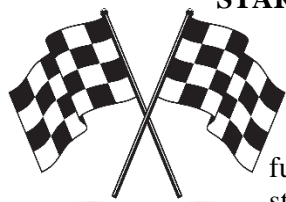
We will continue to use SGO scholarships to assist with tuition, so **please continue to give, and remember you will receive a tax credit and deduction for your donations!**

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, **and NOW electronic giving!** **Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction.** These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Altar Guild will meet Tuesday, August 22, 6:30 pm, at Elaine's house. Topic: violet pulpit fall.

START CLEANING YOUR CLOSETS!!!



The Rummage Sale is coming August 26th, 8:00-2:00, in the school gym. Donations of gently used clothing, books, household goods, furniture, etc will be accepted through August 25th. No big furniture please. You may place your donations on the stage area of the gym. All monetary donations raised will benefit the PTL and help provide the school with busing, field trips, special activities, and more.

LifeLight will be starting September 13th to November 8th, 2023 from 6:45- 8:15. We will be studying Matthew chapters 1- 13. Matthew wrote his Gospel to prove to his Jewish leaders that Jesus is their Messiah. These sessions introduce Jesus as the Messiah, and proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew further shows Jesus as the Messiah through His miracles, sending the disciples on His Mission, and unlocking the secrets of the Kingdom through Parables. A registration is included in the bulletin for participants to sign up as books will need to be ordered. If you need further information contact Tom Coxe.

Servants for Today's Worship August 13, 2023

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Robinson

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Eric Thornton & Joe Hughes

Acolyte: Kamden & Kellan Guse

Elder: Bill Rogers

Communion Assistant: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship August 20, 2023

Rev. Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Richard Sickman

Acolyte: Karli & Kayli Miller

Elder: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz