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Mark 5:41



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Mark began his Gospel by introducing Jesus as the Son of God (1:1). Yet (apart from the devils!), Mark had only a Roman centurion, a Gentile, not the authorities of Israel, confess Jesus as such. At the foot of the cross of Jesus, this Gentile confessed: “Truly this man was the Son of God!” And this he said after our Lord had drawn His last breath and hung dead on the cross (15:39). Mark’s Christology rejects the normal or popular notion by which human beings usually portray God: as powerful, almighty, but a distant figure. As Luther reminds us, the more human Jesus is, the more God He is. Jesus saved us not with His almighty power but with His humility and weakness on the cross.

We welcome everyone to the Lord’s House 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 the narthex of the church.

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, located just outside the sanctuary.

Our God is a God of miracles. “For even nowadays the blind receive their sight when minds obsessed by Satan are brought to know Christ. The deaf hear the Gospel, the lame, who sat in their superstitions, and the idolaters arise with an upright faith and walk about happily. ... The dumb, too, now sing and proclaim the praise of God. Those who are not moved by these miracles would not believe even Christ if He were to perform these miracles bodily, for they are no less significant than raising the dead and restoring sight to the blind.” ~ *Quote: Mighty Miracles Still Performed by Martin Luther* ~

Opening Hymn 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

✠ 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
(1 John 1:8-9)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 121:5-8; antiphon: vv. 1-2

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C **From where does my help come?**

P My help comes from the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P The LORD is your keeper;

C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

P The sun shall not strike you by day,

C nor the moon by night.

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C He will keep your life.

P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

C from this time forth and forevermore.

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 lift up my eyes to the hills.

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C who made heaven and earth.

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

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



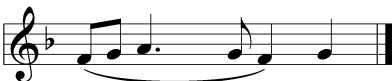
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 154

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Lesson

Lamentations 3:22–33

- ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in Him."
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,
to the soul who seeks Him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.
²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
cast off forever,
³²but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion
according to the abundance of His steadfast love;
³³for He does not willingly afflict
or grieve the children of men.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

P For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

The Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. . . .

¹³I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *(John 6:68)*

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel Lesson

Mark 5:21–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about Him, and He was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing Him, he fell at His feet ²³and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴And He went with him.

And a great crowd followed Him and thronged about Him. ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸For she said, "If I touch even His garments, I will be made well." ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power had gone out from Him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" ³¹And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing around You, and yet You say, 'Who touched Me?'" ³²And He looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While He was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷And He allowed no one to follow Him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when He had entered, He said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at Him. But He put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with Him and went in where the child

was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand He said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³And He strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

G 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 750 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Sermon Text

Mark 5:21-43

Sermon "Watch the Words of Jesus!"

1. In Mark's larger context, Jesus is proclaiming a new relationship

_____ , so that

any claim to a special relationship with Israel under the Law is an old, false voice.

2. Against the false voices of charismatics, and “prosperity Gospel,”
Jesus’ voice teaches us what it truly means that our faith
_____ (v 34).

3. Above all, against the terrifying voice that says death is the end,
Jesus speaks the sweetly comforting words, “The child is not dead
_____.”

Hymn 548 “Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”

Prayers

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.**

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

LSB 166

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



☐ A - men.

Closing Hymn 683 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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Just an FYI, the church **and** school offices will be closed July 8th-14th.
Both secretaries will be on vacation.

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Lewis and Ellen Haug in thanksgiving for their 60th wedding anniversary. We praise and glorify our risen Savior for his many blessings.

The additional flowers that adorn the chancel are given by Tim & Lisa Clark in thanksgiving for their 23rd wedding anniversary. To Christ be all the glory!

Meals on Wheels Door Offering today. We would like to keep our prices low so that meals can be affordable for all seniors. If you are interested in helping, we will have a door offering after today's service. Checks may be made payable to St Paul's Lutheran Church with Meals on Wheels noted in the memo section. If you have questions about the program, you may contact Joanna Fox at (574) 248-0549.

The Lending Library Book Cart: Today after the worship service, take time to peruse a sample of the books available from our church library, including family devotions and Bible Infographic books.

From the Hospitality Crew: Our next meal preparation is July 10th. We are in need of dry pasta, any types of cheese for mac and cheese, and any flavor of jello. Thank you for all you give. You are greatly appreciated.

The July–September Portals of Prayer and HopeFull Living devotionals are available in the tract rack in Narthex. Please help yourself and enjoy one or both of these for your daily Bible study.

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Monday, June 24 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain reports and activities of the various boards of St. Paul's congregation. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at keneichinger@gmail.com.

My dear brothers and sisters of St. Paul's,

What a surprise it was to receive so many cards and best wishes in celebration of my 100th birthday! My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you. God is good all the time! Yours in Christ, Eunice Bauer

We had a wonderful time at VBS this past week! The Lord blessed us with over 45 children with whom we were able to spend time teaching, singing, and praising Jesus. A special thank you to all of the teachers, helpers, and behind the scenes volunteers.

You made this a special week for all.

Calendar of Events

TODAY June 30th, 2024

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Meals on Wheels Door OfferingAfter Service

MON:

TUES:

WED:

THURS: ~ Independence Day ~

FRI:

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAY July 7th, 2024

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Scrip Day

From the Church Office: I would like to get a new directory printed the first of July. If you or someone you know has gotten a **new address or phone number**, or if your home “546” phone number is no longer valid and you’d like it removed or a cell phone number added, please let me know by, today, June 30th. **A copy of the most updated version I have is on the table in the Narthex. Please look it over and make corrections as needed.** Thank you for helping me with this.

Haiti Update: we have received word that violence is still very bad in Port au Prince but has not reached the more rural areas yet. Sadly, the gangs in Port au Prince keep much of the food and aid coming into the country from reaching these rural areas. MISSION HAITI, Trinity HOPE (a mission dedicated to feeding the Haitian children) and those living in Haiti like Pastor Dorce, who visits our schools and instructs our teachers and Lophane our Field Director continue to serve the people of Haiti by bringing the Gospel to our schools and food to the students. So far, we have been able to get food to 6 of the 7 schools in the Jeremie District so those children receive one meal a day while at school. **Please continue to lift up the people of Haiti in your prayers** and if you are able and feel moved to give, please mark your envelope “Mission Haiti”. 100% of donated money goes towards keeping the Lutheran Schools open. A check for \$450 from St. Paul’s was sent to Mission Haiti on Wednesday. **Both of the paintings “sold” in the Mite Auction** at the LWML Convention last weekend. \$91.00 was raised for mites from these two paintings. In total the auction brought in \$4,489.00 for mites to be used for various missions.

Special Concerns:

That we distinguish the voice of our Shepherd Jesus from all other voices out there in today's information technology world and the voice of Jesus continue to bring comfort to us as we are gathered to worship.

For Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

For the people of Haiti - That the Lord would surround our brothers and sisters in Christ with His grace and protection. Pray they stay strong in the faith through their suffering at this time of violence and unrest.

We pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Thank you to all who have donated items for the Bremen Food Pantry in June! They are much appreciated.

SCHOOL CORNER

St. Paul's School is looking for substitute teachers and Extended Care assistants for the upcoming school year-both paid and volunteer positions! These are part-time positions, requiring a background check and an easy-to-obtain substitute teaching license. If you are interested, please contact Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman.

It is not too late to enroll in St. Paul's Preschool and Day School (Kindergarten through 8th Grade)! If you know of any families looking for a Christian educational experience, please recommend us. **Word-of-mouth is the best advertisement.** Our mission is to provide a solid education, with a Christian foundation and atmosphere for Preschool through 8th Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship program. Online enrollment and inquiries are open on our website, stpaulsbremen.church/school. Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email schools@stpaulsbremen.org. We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours.

Please continue giving to the Lutheran SGO! Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also 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. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

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

YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS: We will be taking next week off. Looking forward, see the information below for our last Summer Youth Night, which will be a service event.

July 10th (Meet at church at 6 pm): Service Event at Unity Gardens in South Bend - for Youth in Grades 6 through HS - We will serve until approximately 8 pm and stop for ice cream on the way home (courtesy of the Youth Board)

2025 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING KICK OFF: The National Youth Gathering is approximately a year away and we would like to kick off the journey toward New Orleans with special recognition and prayer during the church service on Sunday, July 14th. This will be followed by a brief luncheon for those youth attending the Youth Gathering and their families, during which we will discuss additional plans for the next year. We ask that the congregation keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for this special event in 2025.

YOUTH OUTING (Sunday, July 14th @noon): Youth in Grades 6-HS are invited to an afternoon of fun at Hackers in Niles, MI. We will meet at the church at approximately noon following the Youth Gathering luncheon and head to Niles. The Youth Board is still determining costs but we need a preliminary head count of those Youth planning to attend, so please sign up on the Youth bulletin board asap.

More information for these events will be available on the GroupMe "St. Paul's Youth" chat as well as other church communications.

Servants for Today's Worship June 30th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Mark Matejka

Acolytes: Abby & Josie Wildauer

Elder: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship July 7th, 2024

Pastor Gregory Fiechtner

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Curt Nielsen & Jim Mitchell

Acolyte: Colton Napper

Elder: Jon Rettinger

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel