

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 14

August 13, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

When children cannot understand why they can't do something, the answer is often, "Because I said so." As they grow up, they may get the answers they seek. Job did not get an answer, but he kept his faith in his Creator. In the Gospel, the disciples cannot understand Jesus' walking on the sea, but when He is in the boat with them, they confess, "Truly You are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Though we may ask God, "Why?" and Paul in the Epistle says we cannot understand God's reasons, we can confess with our mouths and believe in Christ's resurrection. It is an exercise of the faith God has so graciously given us. Why did He come to earth? He came to save us. In great might He destroyed death itself so that we might live with Him forever. That's why!

PRELUDE "Father I Put My Life in Your Hand" -Michael Talbot

HYMN "Earth and All Stars" *LSB* 817

1 Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory!
Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

ref He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

2 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

3 Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

4 Engines and steel!
Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

5 Classrooms and labs!
Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

6 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

7 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

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *2 Samuel 22:47; Psalm 18:3, 6, 46*

Pastor: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,

People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Pastor: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

People: and I am saved from my enemies.

Pastor: In my distress I called upon the LORD;

People: to my God I cried for help.

Pastor: From His temple He heard my voice,

People: and my cry to Him reached His ears.

Pastor: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,

People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us consider our unworthiness to come before almighty God and confess our sins to Him in the presence of one another.

We confess, O Lord, that like Job, we have become angry at times because of what You have allowed in our lives and we have wondered why.

People: Forgive our pride and turn us to humbly rely on Your gracious plans for us.

Pastor: We confess, O Lord, that unlike Paul, we have neglected people around us who have not accepted Your sacrifice for them.

People: Forgive our self-centeredness and inaction, and increase our love for our neighbors.

Pastor: We confess, O Lord, that like Peter, we have failed to trust You in all things and have been overwhelmed by the storms of life.

People: Forgive our weakness of faith and enable us to follow where You lead the way.

Pastor: All things in heaven and earth are under God's rule. His almighty power was shown chiefly in sending His Son into this fallen world to destroy the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Your pride, self-centeredness,

weakness of faith, and anything else that would separate you from His great love has been forgiven for Jesus' sake. 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "How Majestic Is Your Name" *LSBuilder* 978

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise Your name.

O Lord, we magnify Your name:

Prince of Peace, Mighty God,

O Lord God Almighty.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise Your name.

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O Lord God Almighty.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:4–18* (God questions Job.)

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 18:1–16; antiphon: v. 46*

Leader: The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation...

People: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

Leader: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

People: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Leader: The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;

People: the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

Leader: In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

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.

Leader: The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation...

EPISTLE *Romans 10:5–17* (Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.) Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But 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); because, 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But 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? And 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!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 14:27*

Pastor: Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,

People: “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:22–33* (Jesus walks on water and rescues sinking Peter.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine” *LSB* 815

1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was Thine,
That in our darkened hearts Thy grace might shine.

Alleluia!

2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
By Thee the outcast and the poor were sought;
And by Thy death was God's salvation wrought.

Alleluia!

3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling Thyself to death on Calvary.

Alleluia!

4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, Thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.

Alleluia!

5 Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord,
In heav'n and earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord,
And God the Father be by all adored.

Alleluia!

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SERMON Matthew 14:22-33 “Actions Speak Louder Than Words”

I. “Actions Speak Louder Than Words”

II. Word One: M_____ (v. 22-23; John 6:13-14)

- What does John tell us?
- Why does Jesus make them get in the boat?

III. Word Two: W_____ (v. 25-26)

- In the Old Testament, who walks on water?
- What else does walking on water proclaim?

IV. Word Three: I_____ (v. 27-33)

- “He [Peter] cries out: ‘Lord, save me!’ and Christ does not put off or abandon the one who calls but immediately comes to his aid in that very moment. And it was high time – otherwise Peter would have gone to do his fishing under the sea and would no longer have brought fish to market in Bethsaida! But Christ demonstrates Himself to be a helper at the right time (AE 67:232).”

CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING “Walking on the Water” -Michael Card

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 Lord

God of power and might

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes

In the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away
All the sin of the world
Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us
And grant to us your peace

You are invited to receive the Lord’s Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, and Pastor will give you the common cup. When he serves it to you, you are welcome to grab the chalice from the bottom while he holds it from the top. He will rotate and wipe the chalice between people.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Our God Reigns” *TOSB* 161

(Please use the song book if possible.)

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” *LSB* 680

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
 Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
 Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
 Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally
 Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
 All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
 Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
 Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
 Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
 Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
 Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
 Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
 Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
 No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
 Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
 Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give You thanks, heavenly Father, that You have given us Your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament, Strengthen us thereby that we may serve You in loving obedience throughout all our days; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *LSB 809*

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain
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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Thy Word” -Michael W. Smith

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Matthew 14:30* – “*But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’*” The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter’s eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God’s call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

AS WE CELEBRATE the 75th anniversary of Emmaus, we would love to have more photos of members and events that have happened in recent years. Photos can be sent to Marilyn P. If you have printed photos, put them in an envelope with your name and we will scan them and return the photos to you.

SILENT AUCTION NEWS: In less than a month you will have the chance to look over our wonderful silent auction items with bidding on Sunday, September 17. We have a variety of items, and you could get a great wedding gift, birthday present, Christmas gift, Barnabas buddy gift or a fantastic special something for you. Proceeds will help defray costs of the celebration meal on October 29.

LWML: The St. Paul Metro zone will be the hosts for the Capitol Conference Fall Rally on Saturday, October 14 at Gathering Place Lutheran Ministries 3245 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills. 9:00 am registration, 9:30 - 11:30 program followed by lunch, “A Taste of SE Asia.” The presenter will be Pastor Yia Lor—“Mission Impossible: The Upside-Down Mission to the Lost in the Mountains of Southeast Asia.” Registration \$10. Collections will be taken for offering, and Gifts from the Heart: items for homeless shelters/homeless. Join us for food, fellowship, singing, Bible study, convention recap and LWML news.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “The Latest Polls” Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What people think about something--that’s a poll. What that something actually is--that’s the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)



2nd Annual Emmaus Church Picnic

When: Sunday, August 13th, 12:00 noon

Where: FOR Parks Shelter, 2555 Dale Street North, Roseville



What: Please join us for the 2nd Annual Emmaus Church Picnic to enjoy the opportunity for multigenerational fellowship, lunch, fun, and the opportunity to discuss upcoming activities at Emmaus. Lunch will be provided.