



"Take Heart, it is I.

Do not be afraid."

MARK 5:45-52

THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 25, 2021 – 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

For those individuals or families desiring a space that is physically distanced, please feel welcome to sit in the rows that are marked as reserved.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Life is never smooth sailing and the waters of life are filled with waves of doubt and discontent and the storms of fear and trouble. Fear has the power to steal our joy, to distract us from our hope, and to enhance whatever current misery befalls us. We are surrounded by fears---for economic security, for the well-being of our family, for safety in our violent and contentious world, among others. Today, Jesus comes speaking to us and to our fears. "It is I," He says to us. We remember the flood, God's saving of Noah and his family, and the gift of a rainbow of reminder. This provides a backdrop to Jesus walking on water to rescue Peter from his doubts and fears. So we come today amid the fears of life, our little boats nearly swamped by its storms and our doubts keeping us from walking above the fray. And Jesus comes to us in the midst of it all. "It is I . . . do not be afraid."

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Concerto del Sigr. Tomaso Albinoni – J. G. Walther

WELCOME

❖ **INVOCATION**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.
C **And His Greatness is unsearchable.**
They shall speak of the might of Your Awesome Deeds,
and I will declare Your Greatness. (*Psalm 145:3, 6*)

❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS**

P Let us confess our sins to God and seek His Forgiveness.
C **Holy God, all things come from You; and all things return to You. We, Your sinful creatures, cry to You for mercy and beg for Your Forgiveness. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; in the things we have done wrong; and in the good we have failed to do. Without Your Aid we are dead in trespasses and sin. Yet, in Your Steadfast Love, You gave our hearts hope; and gave to us Your Only Son, Who suffered and died, to be our Savior. We ask You, O Lord, to grant us forgiveness of our sins; and to restore us by Your Grace, to be Your own children. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.
C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

P May He Who began this good work in you, bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

❖ **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704

**1. Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.**

**2. Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**3. Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.**

**4. Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

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❖ **KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above to give us calm in the midst of trial, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, for all who seek refuge from the storms of life, and for all who
offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and Most Merciful God, the Protector of all who trust in You,
**C strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your Love You will
rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 9:8-17 [ESV]

(God established His Covenant with Noah and placed a rainbow as the sign of this Covenant.)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,
“Behold, I establish My Covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish My Covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”
And God said,
“This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set My bow in the cloud,

and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.
When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember My Covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh.
And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the Everlasting Covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”
God said to Noah,
“This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 136:1-9 [ESV]

(Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.)

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.**

P Give thanks to the God of gods,
C **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.**

P Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
C **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.**

P to Him Who alone does great wonders,
C **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.**

P to Him Who by understanding made the heavens,
C **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.**

P to Him Who spread out the earth above the waters,
C **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.**

P to Him Who made the great lights,
C **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.**

P the sun to rule over the day,
C **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.**

P the moon and stars to rule over the night,
C **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.**
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.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-21 [ESV]

(Paul prays for our strengthening in God's Love; and to praise God's Work in us.)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His Glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length

and height and depth, and to know the Love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C Alleluia, alleluia. Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. Alleluia. *(Mark 6:50c)*

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 6:45-56 [ESV]

(Jesus walks on water.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd.

And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray.

And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and He was alone on the land.

And He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them.

And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea.

He meant to pass by them, but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw Him and were terrified.

But immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I.

Do not be afraid."

And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased.

And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore.

And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized Him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was.

And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment.

And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Zach Sarrault

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
 In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
 To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
 And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
 Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
 When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
 Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

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SERMON

Pastor Zach Sarrault

Do Not Be Afraid??

Mark 6:45-56

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739

**1. Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

2. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Having heard the promise of God's Presence, let us draw near in prayer and make known to Him all the desires of our heart and pray on behalf of all people as they have need.
- C **Almighty God, You are over all things and nothing can overcome You; come to us in the midst of our fears and plant within us a confident faith, that we may trust in Your Mercy and not be overcome by fear or anxiety.**
- P Bring to fruit every ministry of our Church that through word and deed we may proclaim Jesus Christ to the world.
- C **Give courage and confidence to all pastors and church workers, that they may faithfully proclaim Your Word, both to convict us of our sin and restore us by the sweet word of forgiveness through the cross and empty tomb.**
- P Protect and defend those who protect and defend us, both here at home and throughout the world. Bring an end to war, violence, and oppression. Give us wisdom to use the precious gift of liberty to display in word and action the fruits of the Savior in Whom we live by Baptism and faith.
- C **Give courage and wisdom to our president, governor, and all elected and appointed civil servants, that they may act justly and honorably, for the causes of peace, justice, the protection of the weak and the promotion of virtue.**

P Grant to every home Your Peace and Your Protection, that in our fears and anxieties we may know and share the comfort of Your Love and rejoice together in Your Presence among us through the Word and Sacraments.

C **Bless our stewardship of Your creation that we may act responsibly in our care over this good earth and the fruits of the earth, using them faithfully and for Your Glory.**

P Give to Your people a strong faith, fed and nourished at this altar, that what we receive with our lips we may show forth in our lives, until that day when we shall all be one in Your Presence, at the banquet Feast of the Lamb. Lord, in Your Mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

❖ BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*
C Amen.

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

How Great Thou Art

LSB 801, vs. 1, 3-4

**1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;**

Refrain.

**4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"**

Refrain

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross – D. Busarow

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- Islam is the only major world religion to use many of Christian scriptures, symbols, thoughts, and sentiments but interpret them with a different conclusion.
- Why should we in the West be interested in Islam?
- What challenges presents to us as Disciples of Christ?

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