

Trinity 11

August 23, 2020

This morning we are worshipping using the Order of Morning Praise, historically called “Matins. Matins was not originally intended to be used as the Church’s main, or Divine Service, as it doesn’t include the Sacrament of the Altar. Instead Matins is designed to be a service used at the dawn of the day. Our waking to the light of day signifies our spiritual waking the light and glory of Christ.

The First Lesson is from the Old Testament book of Exodus. In this final scene of the Egyptian army’s pursuit of the fleeing Israelites, the Lord enabled Moses to miraculously part the Red Sea to allow the Israelites to safely pass through. The Lord was with them as promised. The Egyptians on the other hand did not have the Lord’s protection because of their own obstinate unbelief and hardening of their hearts. So, when they tried to pass through, the waters of the sea flowed over them and they drowned.

In the Gospel Lesson, Jesus teaches Peter and his disciples about courage and faith. The winds and the waves were fierce on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus, true God and true man, walked on the water out to the boat. When Jesus called out to Peter to walk out to him, at first Peter did. But when Peter became afraid, he began to sink. Jesus rebuked Peter for his lack of faith. Peter and the others responded by worshipping Jesus, saying “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Order of Service: Morning Praise [*Matins*], page 45

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 73, page 94

The Lesson: Exodus 14:10-31

Theme: “Don’t be afraid of the water.”

The Hymn of the Day: 439—Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Theme: “No one ever drowns at swimming lessons.”

The Te Deum [*We Praise You, O God*], page 48

The Prayers and Blessing, page 50,51

The Closing Hymn: 367—Christ Be My Leader

Welcome to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

We are happy to have you worshipping with us. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please take a moment to sign our guest book.

Pastor Johnson is available anytime for spiritual counsel. Please give him a call if you would like to meet him at church, or have him visit your home.

Information about Our Savior, some devotional readings, a link for our FaceBook page, and more, can be found at the church's website:

oursaviorperry.org

Pastor Johnson's phone number is: 517-927-8036

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Announcements:

Today: Fellowship time between the services

Tuesday: No Noon Bible study

Wednesday: No Midweek Bible study

Next Sunday: 9:00 & 10:30am—Worship
Fellowship time between the services, weather permitting. Please bring a dish or snack if you are able.

Today's altar flowers were sponsored by the Klein's in honor of their anniversary. Thank you.

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