

Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

August 13, 2023 ~ 10:10 a.m. at Library Square
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Season Color: Green



But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:26-27

Gathering Music: "Beautiful Things"

**All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change at all?**

**All this earth; Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?**

***Chorus:* You make beautiful things. You make beautiful things out of the
dust. You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.**

**All around; hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found in You. *Chorus***

You make me new, You are making me new. *Repeat*

CCLI Song # 5665521

"Jesus What a Savior"

**Jesus what a Savior. What a brother what a friend.
Lifter of the lowly. God You meet me where I am.**

**Your heart it knows no borders knows no walls
You're constantly moving towards me with open arms.**

**I've never known a love like Yours. I've never known a love like Yours, no,
I've never known a love like Yours. I've never known a love like Yours.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah. What a beautiful way You've shown us
Hallelujah, hallelujah. What a wonderful Savior.**

CCLI Song # 7089112

Greeting/Announcements

Song “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep: Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace: Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger’s hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where so e’er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

LBW #467 Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, in the midst of the storms of life, Christ's presence alone brings eternal peace and calms our fears. Only by Your gift of grace can we offer faithful service that is worthy of You. Keep us from stumbling over our own will and desires as we run to receive the promises You pour out in Word and sacrament; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Job 38:1-5, 8-11, 16-18

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"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?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

"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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-17

"The righteousness that comes from 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, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

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Faith Seeds: Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministries

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You alone have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” 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, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Sermon “Stay in the Boat” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “It Is Well”

Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice.

Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.

Chorus: Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well. Through it all,
through it all my eyes are on You and it is well with me.

Far be it from me to not believe even when my eyes can't see and this
mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea.

Bridge: So let go my soul and trust in Him.
The waves and wind still know His name. *Repeat*

It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul. *Bridge*

Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You and it is well with me.

CCLI Song # 7021972

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Offering: "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

**You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown, where feet may fail,
And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand.**

Chorus: And I will call upon Your name, and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine.

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sov'reign hand
will be my guide, where feet may fail and fear surrounds me.
You've never failed and You won't start now.
Oh and You are mine oh.**

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters. Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior. *Chorus***

CCLI Song # 6428767

Offertory Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Songs: "Highlands"

**Oh how high would I climb mountains if the mountains were where
You hide. Oh how far I'd scale the valleys if You graced the other side.**

**Oh how long have I chased rivers from lowly seas to where they rise
against the rush of grace descending from the source of its supply.**

**'Cause in the highlands and the heartache You're neither more or less
inclined. I would search and stop at nothing, You're just not that hard
to find.**

***Chorus:* Oh I will praise You on the mountain, I will praise You when the
mountain's in my way. You're the summit where my feet are so I will
praise You in the valleys all the same. No less God within the shadows,
No less faithful when the night leads me astray. You're the heaven where
my heart is. In the highlands and the heartache all the same.**

**Oh how far beneath Your glory does Your kindness extend the path?
From where Your feet rest on the sunrise to where
You sweep the sinner's past.**

**And Oh how fast would You come running if just to shadow me
through the night, trace my steps through all my failure and
walk me out the other side.**

**For who could dare ascend that mountain, that valleyed hill called Calvary,
But for the One I call Good Shepherd, who like a lamb was slain for me.**

Chorus

**Whatever I walk through, wherever I am, Your Name can move mountains
Wherever I stand. And if ever I walk through the valley of death I'll sing
through the shadows my song of ascent. *Repeat***

My song of ascent, whoa, whoa. My song of ascent, whoa, whoa.

From the gravest of all valleys come the pastures we call grace.

A mighty river flowing upwards from a deep but empty grave.

Chorus

CCLI Song # 7122399

“Psalm 34 (Taste and See)”

I sought the Lord and He answered me and delivered me from every fear.

Those who look on Him are radiant, They'll never be ashamed.

They'll never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried and the Lord heard me and saved me from my
enemies. The Son of God surrounds His saints, He will deliver them.
He will deliver them.**

***Chorus:* Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; Oh blessed is he who hides in Him.

Oh fear the Lord Oh all you saints, He'll give you everything.

He'll give you everything. *Chorus*

Let us bless the Lord every day and night,

Never ending praise may our incense rise.

Repeat

CCLI Song # 7054932

Benediction

Sending Song “The Blessing”

The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you

And give you peace. Amen. Amen. Amen. *Repeat*

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations, and your family

And your children, and their children, and their children.

May His presence go before you, and behind you, and beside you

All around you, and within you. He is with you. He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going

In your weeping and rejoicing He is for you. He is for you.

He is for you. He is for you. Amen. Amen. Amen.

CCLI Song # 7147007

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme: Matthew 14:22-33

- † In light of the Old Testament, what was so significant about Jesus walking on the water?
- † What important difference is there between Peter’s two statements to Jesus?
- † For what reason did Jesus scold Peter, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”
- † How does this text urge us symbolically to “stay in the boat”?

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