



DO NOT BE AFRAID.

MATTHEW 14:27

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Opening Hymn: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" **LBW 487**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *Glory to God in the Highest P. 80
- *Prayer of the Day P. 82

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Job 38:4-18

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know

its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

Psalm 18:1-6 (*responsively by whole verse*)

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Second Reading

Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But 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); ⁹because, 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. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴How then will they 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? ¹⁵And 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!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

*Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sermon: "THE CHOPPY SEAS OF MINISTRY"

*Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" **LBW 333**

*Apostles' Creed P. 85

*Sharing of Peace
Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart P. 96

*Prayers of the Church P. 97

Holy God, there are so many places around the globe where people live in constant turmoil due to fighting and conflict. Bring a lasting peace to war-torn areas. Bring peace to families and communities that struggle for stability. Bring peace to relationships and help us center our lives in you.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Loving God, your creation is such a magnificent work of art. Help us to appreciate your handiwork and to stand in awe of all that you have formed. Let us delight in all of the species of plants and animals and marvel at the sight of mountains and seas, as we praise your name in all the earth.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Lord of the Sabbath, we pray that you would refresh and renew those who are away from home on vacation. Grant that they may find rest and recuperation from their daily tasks, spend quality time with family, and have quiet time to hear your voice in their lives. Let them return home with peace-filled hearts.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Healing God, we ask your tender care to be with those who are suffering this day in mind, body or spirit. You know the needs of each person you have made, even before we do ourselves. Please attend to the needs of all who are in trouble, facing trials, or are struggling with sickness, especially....

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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Last Sunday, 8/6: 28

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Chuck Schindler	8/13
Brynn Springborn	8/13/2010
Louise Hoffman	8/15
Eric Boehmer	8/17
Nancy Bakanas	8/19
Joshua Atkinson	8/19

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Chuck & Chloe Schindler	8/17/68
Fred & Judy Goltermann	8/17/19



FOOD PANTRY: Food Pantry volunteers are needed to help on Tuesdays to carry groceries to the client's vehicles. If you are available, please contact Jean or John Royalty at (815) 885-4035.

CHURCH FUN FACTS

In 1982 Strawberry Patch was “planted” as a preschool in our basement. In 1992 it was changed to a Christian Preschool and had grown to 70 children by 1994. In 1997-8 it could accommodate 20 children preschool to kindergarten and 20 three-year-olds in a morning session.



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements for the first half of 2023 (January – June) are available upon request, Dianna will print a copy for you.

Sunday 8/13: Join us after the service in the fellowship hall for coffee and fellowship.

Tuesday 8/15: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.
Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 8/19: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/20: Communion Service with Installation of
Council Members, 9am.
Newsletter Items due!

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Dale Johnson is now at Lincolnshire Place in Sycamore. Maybe he will visit with George Vodden, who is also there.
- All who are traveling throughout the summer months.
- Lizzie Klausner, Peggy Wince's 22-year-old niece has internal bleeding, unknown cause as of last Saturday.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially Chuck Schindler, Ina Koehler, James Klus, David Sanderson, Susan & Jim Colgan and Mark Bernhardt.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Taylor Norris, due mid- August.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All elected leaders, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Ben Blobaum, pray for God's leading to his 1st church.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.