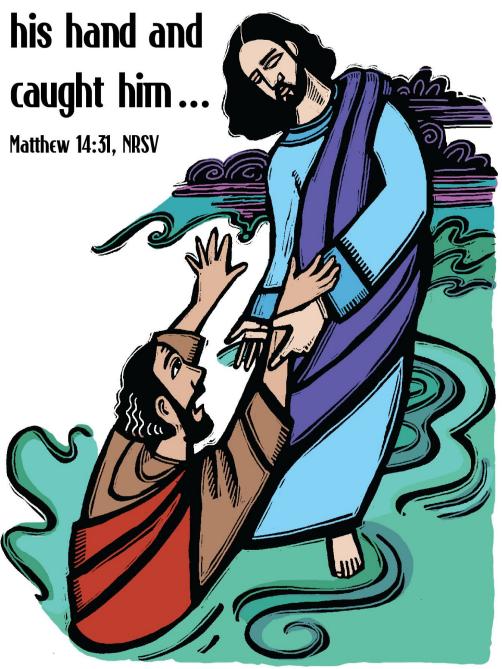
# Jesus immediately reached out



**AUGUST 20, 2023** 

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **WELCOME**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

# TODAY'S SERVICE

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

#### Psalm 18:1-16

I will love You, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. <sup>3</sup> I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. <sup>4</sup> The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. <sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears. <sup>7</sup> Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. 8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet. 10 And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind. "He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters And thick clouds of the skies. 12 From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire. 13 The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire<sup>1</sup>. <sup>14</sup> He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe<sup>1</sup>, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them. <sup>15</sup> Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. 16 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

### #15 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

# INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

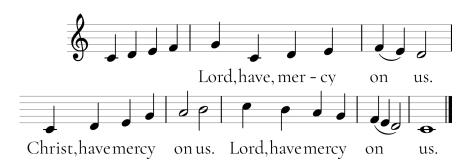


# **CONFESSION OF SINS**

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

- all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.







p 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.



# THE WORD

Job 38:4-18 <sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup> "Or *who* shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth *and* issued from the womb; <sup>9</sup> When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band; <sup>10</sup> When I fixed My limit for it, And set bars

and doors; <sup>11</sup> When I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!' <sup>12</sup> "Have you commanded the morning since your days *began*, *And* caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup> That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, And the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup> It takes on form like clay *under* a seal, And stands out like a garment. <sup>15</sup> From the wicked their light is withheld, And the upraised arm is broken. <sup>16</sup> "Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths? <sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death? <sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you know all this.

Romans 10:5-17 <sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them<sup>1</sup>." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, Who will ascend into heaven<sup>1</sup>?'" (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) <sup>7</sup> or, "Who will descend into the abyss<sup>1</sup>?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart<sup>1</sup>" (that

is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame<sup>I</sup>." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved<sup>1</sup>." <sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace<sup>1</sup>, Who bring glad tidings of good things<sup>2</sup>!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report<sup>1</sup>?" <sup>17</sup> So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



# THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

# Precious Lord Take My Hand



### **SERMON**

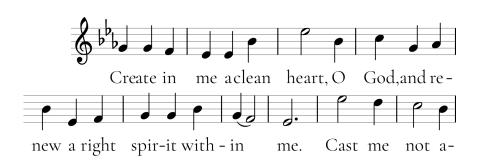
Matthew 14:22-33 <sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. <sup>24</sup> But the boat was now in the middle of the sea<sup>1</sup>, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. <sup>25</sup> Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous<sup>1</sup>, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind

ceased. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

# JESUS WALKS THROUGH THE STORM

They did not look for him. They did not recognize him. They did not even believe it was him. Yet he came, and if they did not receive him, he certainly received them. He stretched out his hand to save. He walked through the storm, and he brought them with him.

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### 427:1-4 How Firm a Foundation

### OFFERING HYMN #442:2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

### PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

### THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The
Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace.



# 784 Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday, August 20

9am Worship Service

11 am Worship in the Woods

Monday, August 21

7pm Worship Service

Sunday, August 27

9am Communion Service

Monday, August 28

8am School Start 7pm Communion Service

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 20 Worship in the Woods August 28 School Begins September 17 Mission Festival October 26 Voters' Meeting

#### **USHERS FOR AUGUST**

Benjamin Lillo, Mike Dumke, Andy Reyes, Bill Herbst

#### MONDAY SERVICE

Ryan Krueger, Andy Kohn, Dennis Jones, Lynn Dumke

#### **USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Jeff Jones, Gary Brown, Clay Bobek, Jeremy Bobek

#### **COUNTERS**

This Week Team # 1

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

Next Week Team # 2

Jim Hanneman, Lloyd Schmidt

#### FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service - 56

Monday Service – 27

In memory of David Fox- \$ 20 to School Fund

#### **NEW CLC TREASURER**

This summer Mr. James Sandeen retired from serving our church body as CLC Treasurer and ILC Business Manager. We thank Jim for his faithful years of service. Our new CLC treasurer and ILC Business Manager is Mr. Steve Lentz.

#### PRAYER LIST

Wildfires are threatening members' homes in British Columbia and Spokane Washington.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Isaiah 51:1–6 Psalm 138 Rom. 11:33–12:8 Matt. 16:13–20

#### **CALL NEWS**

Missionary Evensen has returned the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX.

Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.

Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's in Okabena, MN has returned the call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI.

#### MAN UP! WEEKEND

The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org a nd clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

# Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 14:22-33

What is similar about this text and the account of the red sea?
What is the difference?
Jesus walks through the wind. The disciples' attitude towards the wind?
Jesus' attitude towards the wind?
What promise are we given in Is 43?
What should be our attitude towards troubles?

Peter Walks on Water
What gave Peter power to walk on water?
What happens when we attempt to walk on water without God's promise?
What was Jesus' response to this temptation?
What has Christ not promised?
What has Christ promised?
Jesus Saves Peter
What was Christ response when Peter's faith failed?

What is our ultimate comfort?

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