



August 23, 2020
Stewardship Sunday/12th
Sunday after Pentecost

Worship focus: *The Christian answers doubt with faith.*

OPENING HYMN

384 – “By Grace I’m Saved” (verses 1, 2, & 4)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. By grace I'm saved, grace free & boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain:
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.**

**2. By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died, your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.**

**4. By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried –
By grace, despite all fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?**

Please stand.

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise. (spoken)

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

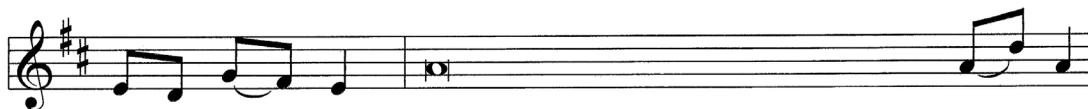
C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: Let us worship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



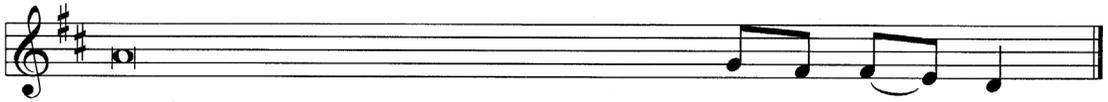
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Please be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 73

(Spoken responsively.)

P. I am always with you, O Lord;

C. you hold me by my right hand.

P. You guide me with your counsel,

C. and afterward you will take me into glory.

P. Whom have I in heaven but you?

C. and earth has nothing I desire besides you.

P. My flesh and my heart may fail,

**C. but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.**

**ALL. 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.**

FIRST LESSON – Exodus 14: 10-31

God relieved the Israelites' doubts and fears by leading them and delivering them through the Red Sea.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!” ¹³ Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.” ¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. ²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when the Israelites saw the great power the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

SECOND LESSON – James 1:2-8,12

James urges believers not to doubt God and His Word, but to persevere in faith and receive the crown of life.

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. ¹² Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Please Stand

GOSPEL – Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water and reaches out to rescue Peter, who doubted and began to sink.

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying: “Truly you are the Son of God.”

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people , and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

405 – “Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink” (v. 1, 3, 4, & 6)

**1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe,**

**3. A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without,
That, when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt,**

**4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown
Nor heeds its scornful smile,
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown
Nor Satan's arts beguile,**

**6. Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.**

SERMON

Text: Mathew 14:22-33

Theme: Don't be afraid of the storms of life.

1. Jesus saves us from doubt.
2. He delivers us from death.

HYMN

278 – “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (verses 1 & 4))

**1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.**

**4. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim you,
Then, adoring, bend the knee
And confess the mystery.**

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits in which you may place your thankoffering.

Please stand.

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (spoken)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

379 – “Amazing Grace-How Sweet the Sound” (all verses)

1. Amazing grace – how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

Was blind but now I see.

2. The Lord has promised good to me;

His Word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

**3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

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GREETERS today are: Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart – Early Service
Charlotte Brown & Janice Rausch – Late Service
Next Sunday: Joe & Jean Spaeth – Early Service
Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen – Late Service

Greeters may stand in the Narthex, near the office. There will be no handshaking. Social distancing will be maintained for everyone's safety.)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of August 16, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 208; Early: 90; Late: 85; Midweek: 33; Adult Bible Study: 25.
On-line worship service views for August 9 were 46.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through August 29th are the members of Richard Johnson's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, August 30th will be the members of James Heldman's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (August 23 – August 29)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Adult Bible Study 9:20.

MON Newsletter articles are due.

TUE Midweek Worship 7:30.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Teacher Jessica Krueger installation; WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20; Call Meeting to call a second pastor (time to be determined.)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon Soccer Practice, 6:00-8:00pm. BRING YOUR OWN WATER!

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THE INSTALLATION of our new Pre-school teacher, Jessica Krueger, will take place during the first service on August 30th.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS as required, out of concern for the health and well-being of your neighbor.

CALL MEETING: There will be a Call Meeting next Sunday, August 30th, to call a second pastor. The time is to be determined yet, but it will be in the afternoon or evening.

WE'RE MOVING! Help is needed on September 2nd, at 7:00pm, to move unneeded items from the school into storage.

SCHOOL-DAY PLAYGROUND MONITORS: The school is still looking for volunteers to help with lunch time recess. If you are willing and can help out, please contact the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org or 419.326.4685.

AUGUST WITH JESUS: This summer, we are using Christ-Light materials to help us teach our children at home instead of having in-person Sunday School. Free materials are on a table in the narthex. For the week of August 23, the Bible lesson is 11B, "Jesus Shows His Power Over Evil" based on Matthew 9:27-33. The Bible truth is: Jesus makes two blind men to see and He made a mute man able to talk. The application is: Jesus tells us to pray that our Heavenly Father would deliver us from evil. He has the power to keep evil away from us or to make any evil we must bear work for our good.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS are available in the basement for pick up. Get yours while they're hot!

COME ONE, COME ALL! The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a bonfire on Saturday, September 19th, at 7:00pm, in the church stone parking lot. There will be food (S'mores, hotdogs and chips), fun and a movie! Bring your own drinks. And a chair- don't forget a chair! And don't forget to bring a guest!

TEEN BIBLE CLASS will begin again on September 13th, between services. We will be meeting in the Bible Study room in the basement of church.

MIDWEEK SUMMER WORSHIP continues on Tuesdays, at 7:30 PM. These midweek services are an abbreviated version of the Sunday before. Please make use of this worship opportunity if you are not able to join us on Sunday morning. Council has voted to extend these services through the month of September.

BAPTIZED on August 15th, at Blanchard Valley Hospital, was Alayah Jordyn Valasquez, daughter of Joseph Valasquez and Megan Kline, daughter of Nikki Hartman. Alayah was born August 14th. We rejoice upon Alayah's spiritual rebirthday.

BAPTIZED on August 16th at church was Loretta Mae von Stein, daughter of Brent and Alexis von Stein. Loretta was born July 20th. Her sponsors are Craig and Emily von Stein. We also rejoice upon Loretta's spiritual rebirthday.

