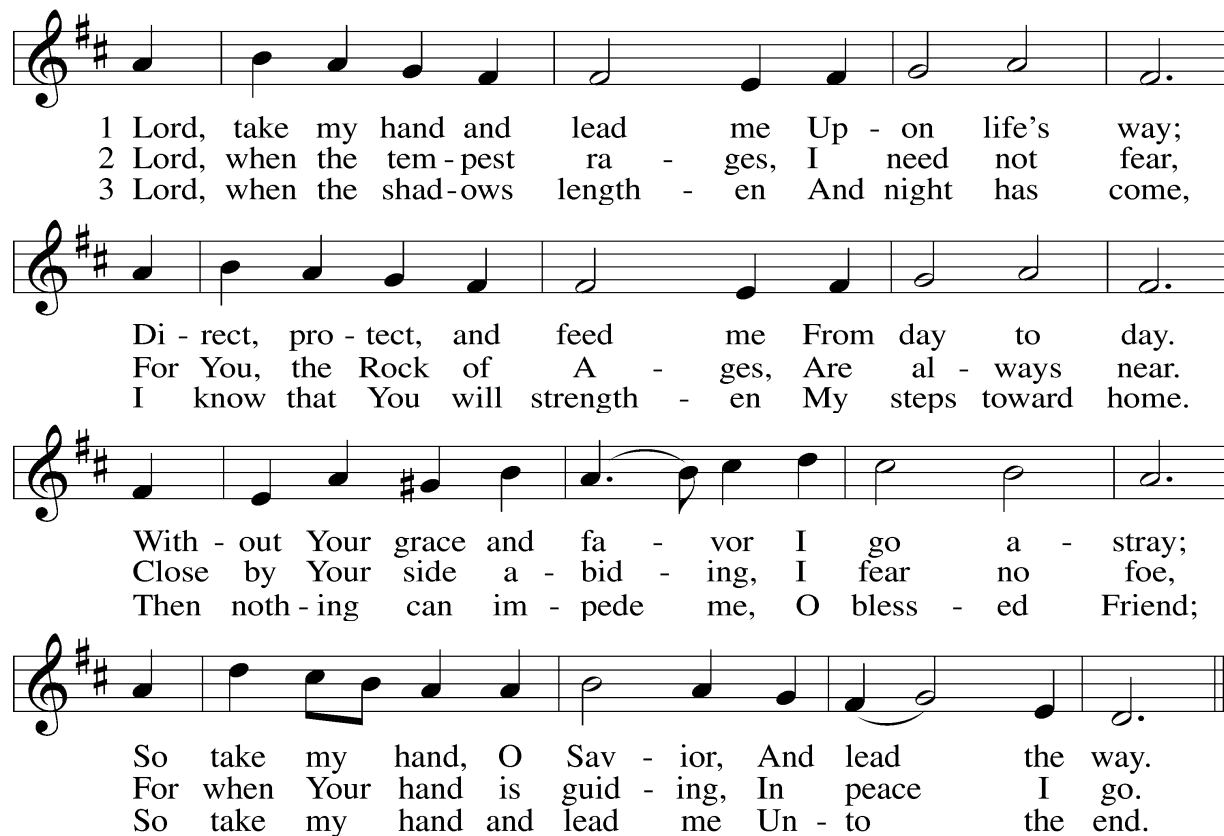


Pastor's Bible Class

August 9, 2026

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

#722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,
Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.
With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;
So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

Read Job 38:4-18

1. In 38:1 we are told that Yahweh answers Job out of the storm. To what is God responding? See Job's comments in 23:1-5 and 31:1-4.
2. With what tone does God begin His response to Job?
3. What do God's rhetorical questions in verses 4-18 tell us about Him? How do they declare His power? See also Psalm 104:5 and Isaiah 40:12-14.

Read Matthew 14:22-33

4. The text begins with the emphatic action word, “Immediately...” Why is there such urgency to Jesus’ action? See John 6:14-15.
5. Why does Jesus send the disciples on ahead of Him?
6. Based on the information from this text, how long is Jesus “up on the mountainside by himself” praying?
7. Describe the plight of the disciples as they struggle in the boat.
8. What does Peter ask in verse 28? Is this a statement of doubt or faith?
9. How does Peter’s desperate request in verse 30 differ from his question in verse 28?
10. How does Jesus treat someone “of little faith?” See Isaiah 42:3.

Devotional Thought from “The Lutheran Study Bible”

When Jesus reveals His divine presence to His disciples by walking on the sea, they can only conclude: “Truly you are the Son of God.” As long as Peter keeps his eyes on Jesus, he is also able to walk on the water. Like Peter, we often look away from the object of our faith and focus on our problems and doubts. Although we know the Son of God is with us and provides for all our needs, we still worry and fear. Jesus states, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” His powerful arm reaches out to steady us and guide us into His safe harbor.

Prayer

Lord, when the storms of life threaten to shipwreck my faith, assure me of Your loving presence and protecting care. Amen.