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Matthew 14

Collect

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.

Introit

I will bless the LORD at | all times;* his praise shall continually be | in my mouth. **I sought the LORD, and he | answered me* and delivered me from | all my fears.**
Those who look to him are | radiant,* and their faces shall never | be ashamed. **This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him* and saved him out of all his | troubles.** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,* and de- | livers them. **Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!* Blessed is the man who takes ref- | uge in him! Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
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Readings

Old Testament/Job 38:4–18 Epistle/Romans 10:5–17 Gospel/Matthew 14:22–33

Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

- The Lord who “*laid the foundation of the earth*” (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has “*entered into the springs of the sea*” and “*walked in the recesses of the deep*” (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy.
- But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, “*Do not be afraid,*” and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14). We have been “*a long way from the land, beaten by the waves*” and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. 27, 31). “*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved*”
- (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard “*through the word of Christ*” (Rom. 10:17). “*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*” (Rom. 10:8).

Stewardship

Matt. 14:30 – “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’”

The world really is a scary place – natural disasters, disease, terrorism, and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, and our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort?

When Peter’s eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart.

Sometimes God’s call to support the work of His Church with our offerings makes us nervous.

But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word, and all will be well.

Sermon Notes

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A Christian Response to: SOCIALISM

1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 4:28 | Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13

If anyone doesn't take care of his own relatives, especially his immediate family, he has denied the Christian faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Thieves must quit stealing and, instead, they must work hard. They should do something good with their hands so that they'll have something to share with those in need.

Also, make it your goal to live quietly, do your work, and earn your own living, as we ordered you.

While we were with you, we gave you the order: "Whoever doesn't want to work shouldn't be allowed to eat." We hear that some of you are not living disciplined lives. You're not working, so you go around interfering in other people's lives. We order and encourage such people by the Lord Jesus Christ to pay attention to their own work so they can support themselves.

Brothers and sisters, we can't allow ourselves to get tired of doing what is right.

Nowhere in Scripture are we given any expectation to live from the labor of others, but rather we each receive from God various talents and abilities with which we work diligently to provide for our own family and have an abundance to support the spread of the Good News, save for the future, and give generously to our neighbor who is in need.

1. **In God's economy, we are warned against falling into certain traps**
 - a. Thieves must quit stealing! Borrower is slave to the lender
 - b. Some live undisciplined lives, interfering in other people's lives
2. **In God's economy, everyone receives the gift to work diligently**
 - a. To care for their own relatives and immediate family
 - b. Pay attention to our own work in order to support ourselves
3. **In God's economy, everyone receives a gift to manage wealth wisely**
 - a. So that we'll have something to share with those in need
 - b. So that we won't get tired of doing what is right: Good News

Discipleship Leading to Evangelism

Hymns and Liturgy

"Catechesis has its beginnings in the sung truths of those members of the flock who are just learning to walk. The greatest minds in church history have told us that this is the case; but the church, especially in recent times, is reluctant to acknowledge this fact. As a result, ecclesiastical song is teaching whatever is easy and popular, with little or no regard for the content or the consequences.

Also overlooked is the responsibility which we have as pastors, teachers and parents to make the most of the years when children are most open to learning such matters. It is easier to teach liturgy and hymnody to children before they reach the sixth grade than it is to any other age-group in the church. Matters of worth are never learned without effort. If a child sees a teacher loving and exalting a subject, the child will work, no matter how much effort it takes, to learn what that teacher cares so deeply about.

Those who teach children have the high privilege and responsibility of helping them experience, understand, and love the beauty and richness of the churches hymns and liturgy. These are gifts that will benefit the children for the rest of their lives."

Barbara and Richard Resch

Singing the Faith – A graded and seasonal approach to learning Lutheran Hymns and Liturgy. CPH p. 6

Prayer of the Church. Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. 9 August 2020

O Lord, our God, we do not presume to know Your ways or inform Your judgment. We ask You to grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may apprehend Your ways and know Your Son, Jesus Christ, by faith. Give us wisdom, that we may trust in Your Word amid the stormy seas of this mortal life and be safely delivered from all danger onto the eternal shores of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we have no righteousness of our own but only the righteousness of Christ into which we were clothed in Baptism. Grant us grace, that we may be faithful in every circumstance and bold in the confession of His saving name. Guard those who preach Your Word to us so that, hearing, we may believe and, believing, we may have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we see the great need and ask You to raise up those who will serve us as pastors, teachers, missionaries and in all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and the younger congregations, that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them, and do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we ask You to bless us, our nation and those who lead us. Guide all elected and appointed civil servants in their judgments, that we may know justice in our land and peace among the nations. Make us especially mindful of those who need our special protection, the unborn, the aged and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon the schools where children learn, especially for the schools, universities and seminaries of our church. Give Your blessing to all places where Your people gather to teach and learn Your Word. Help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we remember the sick, those who suffer, those troubled in mind, the grieving and the dying. Deliver them according to Your will and grant them the comfort of Your Word in their afflictions, that they may depend upon Your mercy in every circumstance. Hear us especially for _____. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we do not presume to come to this Your table trusting in our own merits. Give to us faith to discern Christ in His body and blood and repentance that we may receive for our good His gift of Himself in this blessed communion. What we have received with our lips, help us keep in holy, upright and godly lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we give thanks for the saints of old who trusted in You in life and now rest in Christ from all their labors. Deliver us from all evil, and lead us through all temptation so that at last we may join them in the marriage supper of the Lamb in Your kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray You to be our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, our courage in fear and our peace in distress. Speak to us by the voice of Your Word, that we may call upon You in the day of trouble and confess Your saving name before all people. Hear us on behalf of ourselves and those for whom we have prayed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymns

Pre-Service Music	Indescribable	[NewSong 94]
O Blessed, Holy Trinity		876
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord		853
Your Table I Approach		628
Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me		715
Eternal Father, Strong to Save		717

Pray This Week for Brothers and Sisters at Concordia

This Week at Concordia