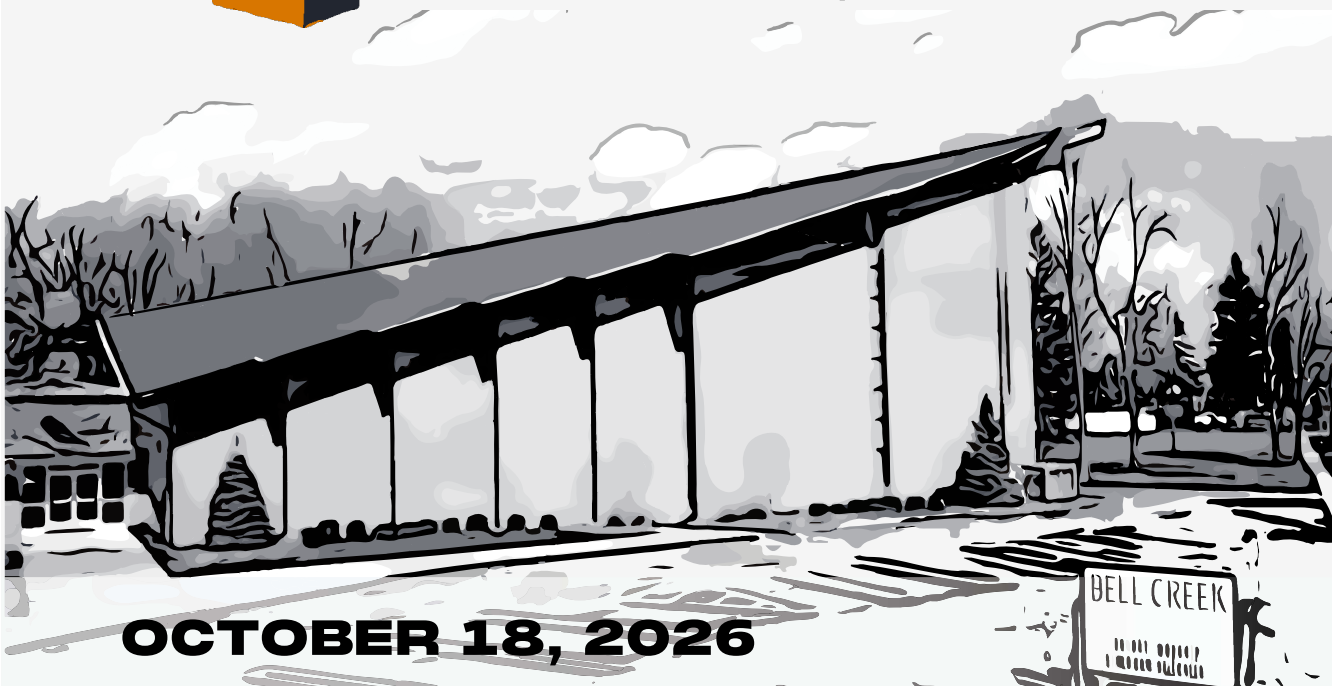


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BELL CREEK

Community Church



OCTOBER 18, 2026

THE KING AWAKES
MARK 4:35—41

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FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Matthew 8:28–34, Mark 5:1–20, and Luke 8:26–39.

DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

OCTOBER 18: JOHN 6
OCTOBER 19: MATTHEW 15; MARK 7
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OCTOBER 21: MATTHEW 17; MARK 9; LUKE 9:28–62
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UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

ETHICS SEMINAR

If you are intested in learning how to apply Scripture to your daily life and think biblically about tough issues, join Pastor Dylan for a seminar about Ethics. Class meets at 11:00 AM in the Prayer Room on Sundays.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Pastor Dylan's Systematic Theology class will begin on Sunday, October 18 from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Prayer Room.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Our next Believer's Baptism is Sunday, October 25. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Adam (adam@bellcreek.org).

TRUNK OR TREAT & CHILI COOK OFF

Our annual Trunk or Treat outreach will be on Sunday, October 25 from 2:00-4:30 PM. This is a free event and a great opportunity for serving our community. There will be trunks with treats, hot dogs, face painting, balloon twisting, bounce houses, and Chili Cook Off Contest. If you would like to sign up to help at the event, decorate a trunk, or enter the Chili Cook Off, please sign up today in the foyer, or online. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Adam (adam@bellcreek.org), or Elyse Quint (elyse@bellcreek.org).

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adult group is for adults 18-30 years old, and will now meet twice a month! Our next gathering is Sunday, October 25, after the second service in the Prayer Room. Join us as we gather and build friendships with other young people in a fun and laid-back environment!

DADCO

Dad Co is a community for dads to build meaningful friendships, share honest advice about parenting and life, and find encouragement through monthly meetups and events. Whether you are a new dad, or your kids are grown, DadCo is a great place to connect and grow together as dads, husbands, and men of faith. Our next gathering will be on Monday, November 2, at 6:30 PM in the Prayer Room. If you have any questions, please email info@bellcreek.org.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:30 PM

FRIDAYS 12 NOON

PRE-TEEN & MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM

SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

2ND SERVICE

AWANA

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM

SEPTEMBER-MAY

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

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OUR MISSION

MATTHEW 22:37–40

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and prophets depend on these two commandments.”

MATTHEW 28:19–20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always to the end of the age.

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Sermon Series | Wonders of the King – the Miracles of Jesus

Sunday, October 18, 2026 | The King Awakes

A Long Day and A Dangerous Crossing

“On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him.” (Mark 4:35–36, ESV)

[MAP OF THE SEA OF GALILEE]

[PHOTO OF A GALILEE FISHING BOAT]

Who’s idea is it to get in a boat and go across the Sea of Galilee? It’s Jesus’ idea! Why did He want to do that? One reason is that He had been teaching folks in that region for awhile and He wanted to continue His mission of teaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God. There could be other reasons, too (Jesus is tired, He’s drawing HUGE crowds and crowds are dangerous to His mission. He knows these crowds are looking for a messiah, but they are looking for *a political messiah*. They want someone who will kick the Romans out and restore the Kingdom of Israel. But that’s not why He came the first time. He came to die for our sins in order to save us. “The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.”) Also, He had a *another purpose* in this boat crossing: He wants to dramatically reveal *who He truly is* to His disciples.

The King Is Weary

“And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.” (Mark 4:37, ESV)

“But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”” (Mark 4:38, ESV)

Here we see something beautiful. Our King, our Lord, our God has become one of us. The One who is God is also a weary man. This is the wonder of Jesus. He is fully God and Fully human.

Think about this: While Jesus slept in the stern of that little fishing boat, exhausted from a long day of teaching, He is God who is all-powerful, omnipotent, at that very moment “upholding the universe by the word of his power” (Hebrews 1:3).

While He slept in that boat, according to His divine nature, He knew all things past present, and future. As His disciples would later confess, “you know all things” (John 16:30).

And while His human body rested in that little boat during the storm, according to His divine nature, He was present everywhere, omnipresent, for He is the One who “fills all in all” (Ephesians 1:23; cf. Ephesians 4:10).

There is only One Jesus. No one is like Him. That is why He is called Immanuel – God with us.

The King Awakes

“And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”” (Mark 4:39–40, ESV)

“And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”” (Mark 4:41, ESV)

A great storm, a great calm, and the disciples were filled with great fear.

“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Who indeed? Who else had authority over nature itself? In this world, the forces of nature are beautiful, powerful, and terrifying. By God’s design, we are dependent on His creation for provision, but because we live in a fallen world, it can also bring destruction. The same waters that sustain our lives can also take it away. The same winds that bring refreshing breezes can become instruments of devastation.

Creation sustains life, but it can also bring death. We live in a world that contains forces that we cannot ultimately control.

Who then is this that CAN control the wind and waves? The disciples would have remembered the story of the prophet Elijah who prayed and God answered with rain. There was a story floating around during this time of a guy named Honi the Circle-Drawer (first century BC). Honi, also known as Onias, was a Jewish holy man remembered for his prayers during a severe drought. Josephus records that God answered his prayer and sent rain (Antiquities 14.22, conventionally 14.2.1). Later Jewish traditions, preserved in Mishnah Ta'anit 3:8 and Babylonian Talmud Ta'anit 23a, expand the story. Honi draws a circle and vows to remain inside until God sends rain.

But this is completely different! Jesus didn’t pray for the storm to cease, He *commanded* the storm to cease and like a dog being told to heel by its master, it obeyed Him!

Controlling the sea and winds is attributed to *gods*. *Poseidon* (the Greek god of the sea), and Baal (the god of the Canaanites) were said to have power over the storm and the sea. But they are false gods.

But it is written in the Psalms:

“O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.” (Psalm 89:8–9, ESV)

“By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,” (Psalm 65:5–7, ESV)

Jesus has established that He is the Master of Creation. He is in fact THE Creator, the true and living God.

Some Questions for us:

The disciples asked, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” How does this account change your understanding of who Jesus is? Do you see that the message of the Bible is that He is not merely a good man or a great teacher, but the Lord of creation, the living God, the only Savior? He wanted His disciples to know, and He wants us to know who He is and that He came to save us.

He’s the perfect and only Savior. We needed a Savior who was human so He could represent us, and we needed a Savior who is God. Only God could bear our sins and the punishment they deserved, and triumph over sin and death. There is no other Savior. Jesus alone is our hope. Will you trust in Him?

Jesus worked hard. He poured Himself out. He was weary and exhausted in the boat. The eternal Son of God became a man and experienced the same weariness we do. He understands what we go through because He became one of us! So He has compassion on us. But He is not just a man; He is God. The disciples had already witnessed Jesus' power to heal, but they still struggled to trust Him in the storm.

What circumstances in your life might cause you to question His love, care, or power? Here, He shows us that He has power over everything. If He has authority over even the wind and the waves, doesn't He have power over the storms in your life? He does not promise to *remove* every storm from our lives immediately, but *He promises to be with us through the storms*. Let us consider again who He is; let this comfort us and give us confidence to talk to Jesus and ask Him for the help only He can provide. And let it lead us to awe, wonder, surrender, and worship of our King.



The King Awakes

1. What did you think about “The King Awakes?”

2. The disciples had seen Jesus perform miracles. During the storm, they still struggled to trust Him. Is it hard to trust Jesus sometimes when facing something tough? Why?

3. Jesus was tired enough to sleep through the storm, yet He had the power to calm the wind and waves. What does this tell you about Jesus?

4. Jesus doesn’t promise to take away every problem in our lives, but He does promise to be with us through them. How does this help you when you’re facing something difficult?

5. The disciples asked, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” How does this miracle prove Jesus as more than a good teacher, and why does it matter that our Savior is both fully God and fully human?



Sermon Worksheet 10/18/26
Wonders of the King – The Miracles of Jesus
Mark 4:35-41

