



"TAKE
HEART;
IT IS I.

DO NOT
BE AFRAID."

MATTHEW 14:27

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As We Gather

The Gospel accounts of Jesus often have a familiarity to us that may diminish what the sacred writer wants us to understand. Simply put, there has never been any individual on this earth like Jesus. He has divine power that can heal the sick, revive the dead, and multiply bread and fish to feed multitudes. And He can even walk on water. Nobody else has ever done that. Only Jesus. As we worship and hear the Gospel account shared today, let us rediscover in Jesus our one and only Savior.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

782 – Evening and Morning

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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.

C **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.

C Amen.



✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At
heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4-18

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸ “Or who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth and issued from the womb; ⁹ When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band; ¹⁰ When I fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors; ¹¹ When I said, ‘This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!’ ¹² “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, And caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³ That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, And the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴ It takes on form like clay under a seal, And stands out like a garment. ¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld, And the upraised arm is broken. ¹⁶ “Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths? ¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death? ¹⁸ Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 18:1-6

P I will love You,

C O LORD, my strength.

P The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;

C My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

P I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;

C So shall I be saved from my enemies.

P The pangs of death surrounded me,

C And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

P The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;

C The snares of death confronted me.

P In my distress I called upon the LORD,

C And cried out to my God;

- P** He heard my voice from His temple,
C And my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:5-17

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) ⁷ or, “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (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. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” ¹² 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.” ¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ 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, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” ¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Alleluia

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
 writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
 Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

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.

Hymn

522 – When in the Hour of Utmost Need

Sermon Text

Matthew 14:22-33

²² 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. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸ 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, 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?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”



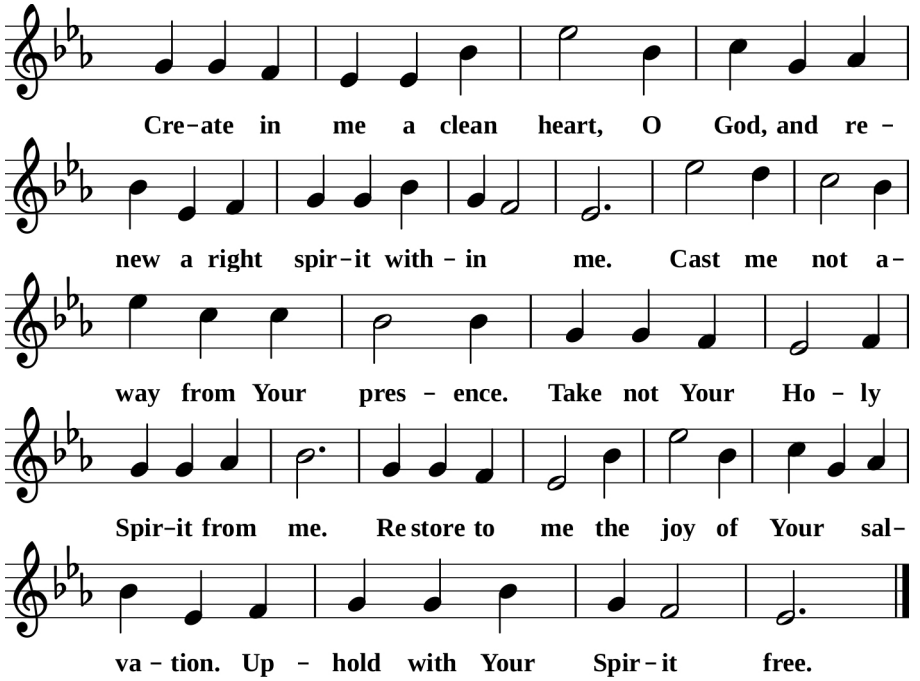
Sermon

Jesus Destroys Doubt

I. With His Presence

II. With His Power

Offertory

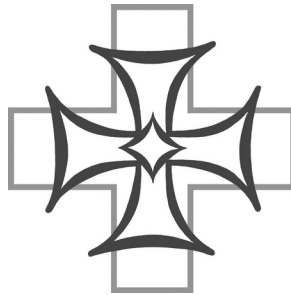


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

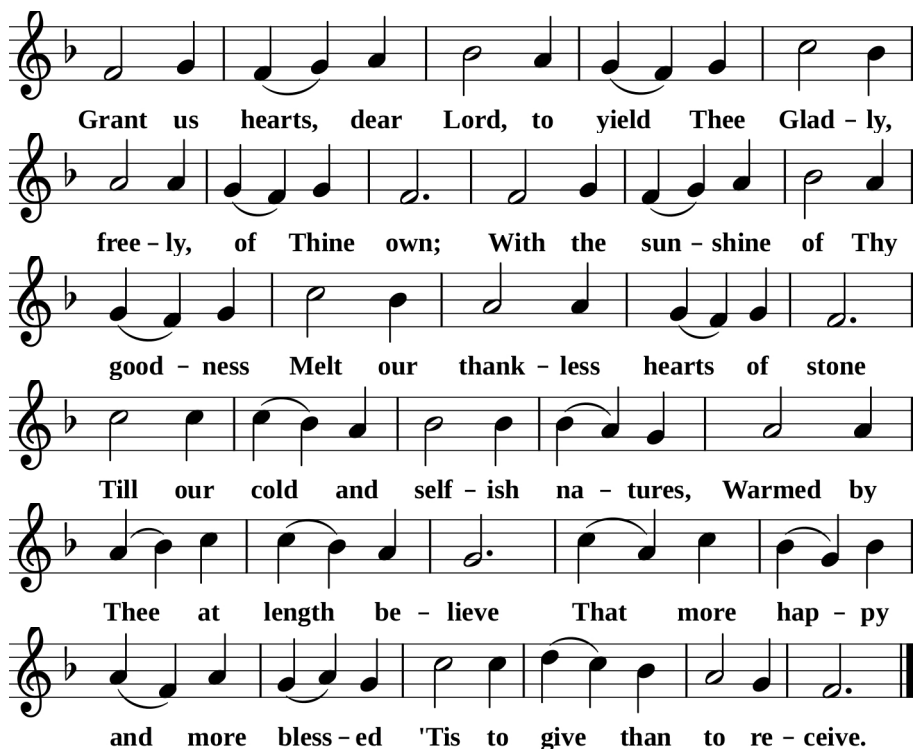
370 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Offering



Offering Hymn

442 (2)



Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

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.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

427 (1-4, 7) – How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule

August 13	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
August 20	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
August 27	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

Upcoming Meetings: The following is our schedule of meetings through the annual meeting in January:

- **September 3** – Board of Elders
- **October 1** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **November 5** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **November 19** – Board of Education
- **December 3** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **December 17** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **January 7** – Annual Voters’ Meeting

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. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

Pacific Coast Women's Retreat: Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Spokane Valley, WA is hosting a Women's Retreat, October 6-8, 2023 at Ponderosa Lodge in Cusick, WA. The congregation extends an invitation to all of the sisters in Christ across the CLC and will welcome you warmly if you are able to attend. The theme of the retreat is "Grow in Grace" and is based upon Psalm 1:3, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." There will be four main sessions and four devotions. Other activities may include small group book discussion, outdoor activities such as zip line, archery, canoe/kayaking, and more. The price is \$150 for the full weekend which includes five meals. Daily rates are also available for participants who can't stay the whole weekend. Go to: <https://gethsemaneclc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat> to get more information, to sign-up for email updates, and to register.

CLC 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.

Fruits of Faith	August 6, 2023	WH: 37
Immanuel Home		\$5,343.25
Building		\$100.00
Property Improvement		\$200.00
ILC Scholarship		\$100.00
Rent		\$600.00
Sign Fund		\$100.00
Total		\$6,443.25

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (6/19): Sauers Acolyte (6/20): Maxwell Kuehne

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 14 - August 21

Monday: Matthew 23:24-33 – When Jesus says “Woe!” to the religious leaders who reject Him, it is not a curse but a lamentation. They are the ones bringing sorrow upon themselves and their followers by rejecting the One who creates clean hearts within and makes dead bones live through the prophetic word of forgiveness.

Tuesday: Matthew 23:34-39 – Although the religious leaders say they would not have killed the ancient prophets, they stand against the current prophets and the great Prophet who sends them. Jesus mourns for Jerusalem, whose children He wants to gather, but they refuse.

Wednesday: Jeremiah 7:1-11 – God sends the prophet Jeremiah to stand in the Lord’s House and call people to reform their ways. Although they think they stand safely in the temple, their lives of self-service at the expense of the poor and the weak are not hidden from the Lord and show where their hearts truly are.

Thursday: Acts 20:17-21 – Paul stops on his journey to say farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus. He reminds them that, unlike false prophets who put on a good show, he had served the Lord among them in lowliness, tears, and trials, calling for repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday: Acts 20:22-27 – Paul has been warned by the Holy Spirit that chains and afflictions are ahead of him, but this news is not to have him turn away from Jerusalem. Rather he knows that the Lord will be with him and those trials will not stop him from testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.

Saturday: Acts 20:28-38 – Paul will not see these Ephesian elders again, and leaves them with a warning of trials that are ahead of them, both from “wolves” without and from false brothers within their group. In all that lies ahead, he commends them to God and to the word of His grace.



