

BUT WHEN HE SAW THE WIND, HE WAS AFRAID,
AND BEGINNING TO SINK HE CRIED OUT,

“LORD, SAVE ME.”

JESUS IMMEDIATELY REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND TOOK HOLD OF HIM,
SAYING TO HIM, “O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY DID YOU DOUBT?”

MATTHEW 14:30-31

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are blessed to have you worship with us today and we pray that the message of God's love that you hear today will be a blessing to your faith and life. If Peace Lutheran Church can serve your spiritual needs in any way or if you simply have questions about us and what we teach, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact information is at our website: www.peacelutherantrinity.com.

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SERVICE NOTES

Today we see that wherever faith is, there is bound to be human doubt that lingers questioning God's loving purposes. Adversity and storms in life caused even Peter and Elijah to question God's purposes. But in every case it is the voice of the Savior through the Word where we can find confidence and the power to squelch all doubt. May God calm your soul and bless you in worship today.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Guitarist (Recording)
Piano

Joel Schwartz
Jim Denny
Cheryl Huebner



SERVICE OF THE WORD

The service focuses us on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this gift with prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: 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.**

ABSOLUTION

M: 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.**



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
 His Word my hope se - cures. He
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
 will my shield and por - tion be
 grace has brought me safe - thus far,
 no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
 As long as life en - dures.
 And grace will lead me home.
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.
 Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give either more than we 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.

C: Amen.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

God answers Elijah's doubts and fears with quiet, gentle words of promise

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." ¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 73

It was "oppressive" to the psalm writer how the wicked seemed to prosper, but then he realizes the truth

M: I am always with you, O Lord;

C: **You hold me by my right hand.**

M: You guide me with your counsel,

C: **and afterward you will take me into glory.**

M: Whom have I in heaven but you?

C: **And earth has nothing I desire besides you.**

M: My flesh and my heart may fail,

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

M: Surely it is God who saves me;

C: **I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

M: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

C: **and he will be my Savior.**

THE SECOND LESSON

James 1:2-8, 12

Trials can make the Christian terrified, frustrated or despondent. We turn to him in times of need and he gives graciously to overcome our fears and doubts.

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

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn 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."

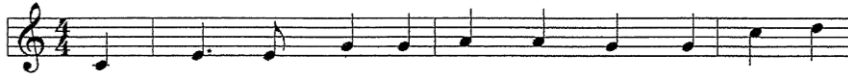
M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Vicious Storm, A Raging Sea (v. 1,3-6)

This hymn reminds us to fix our eyes on Jesus and his promises through all the storms of life.



1 A vi - cious storm, a rag - ing sea, A Sav - ior
 2 A brief com - mand, all dan - gers pass — The lake be -
 3 The one whom wind and waves o - bey Well knew of
 4 Raised from the dead to end sin's curse, His pres - ence



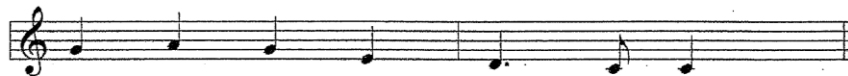
sleep - ing peace - ful - ly. Their rac - ing hearts would
 comes a sheet of glass! Who is this man from
 the ap - point - ed day When all God's wrath at
 fills the u - ni - verse. The pow'r which he once



not slow down: "Do you not care if we should drown!"
 Gal - i - lee Who with a word can calm the sea?
 ev - 'ry sin Would crush him hard and do him in.
 set a - side He now em - ploys, all - glo - ri - fied,



I know that feel - ing far too well — the
 He is, by God's e - ter - nal plan, The
 Dis - miss - ing all his pow'r di - vine, Christ
 To help his Church to per - se - vere, To



fear of harm or death or hell.
 one who is both God and man.
 Je - sus gave his life for mine.
 drive a - way my fool - ish fear.

5 A boat, a storm, adrift again,
 They marshalled all their strength in vain.
 They saw the Lord; "A ghost!" they cried,
 And, sinking fast, one almost died.
 But he who walked out on the sea
 Saved them from great catastrophe.

6 Lord Jesus Christ, when storms arise
 On you alone I'll fix my eyes.
 Through Word and water, bread and wine,
 I hear you saying, "You are mine!"
 Your promises are strong to quell
 All fear of harm and death and hell.



Confession of Faith and Thanksgiving

Please stand

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.

be seated

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"If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. -2 Corinthians 8:12. God wants us to give in proportion to the gifts he has given to us.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God. **With our whole heart we glorify Your name forever.** In you there is power and peace. **With the power of your Word and Sacraments our faith will prosper.** Your steadfast love and faithfulness is our hope in this world full of sin.

In the midst of the storms of this life we need the strength of Your Holy Spirit and the presence of Your Son Jesus Christ. **Send us Your Holy Spirit to keep our spiritual eyes focused on Jesus.** When the waves of trouble begin to engulf us and we feel ourselves sinking, **take our hands of faith, raise us above our doubts, and replace our fears with courage.**

Protect our nation, O Lord, from enemies within and without and preserve Your Church in Your saving Word. **Be a source of hope for the discouraged.**

We come before you with our own prayers and requests.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand | 451



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my



light. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; Lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; Lead me home.
hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; Lead me home.

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PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with his favor + and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF PEACE

Tuesday, August 11 | 7:00 PM

All Ladies of Peace are invited to an online Bible Study on Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 PM. A link will be sent out over email. You can also connect through Facebook and our website. If you would like to join, but would like more details, please contact Cindy Cochran (727) 236-7022.

FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 7/26:	31
Worship Attendance 8/02:	43
Cumulative gifts given in August 2020:	\$3,795
Budgetary funds needed for August 2020:	\$15,770
Cumulative gifts given in July 2020:	\$12,308
Budgetary funds needed for July 2020:	\$15,770
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Total cong. commitment for "Building Peace for the Future":	\$159,942
Total gifts and pledges received to date:	\$164,630



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*Peace Lutheran's mission is to build a Christ-centered community on God's Word
Growing in God's grace
Telling of his love to all people*

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