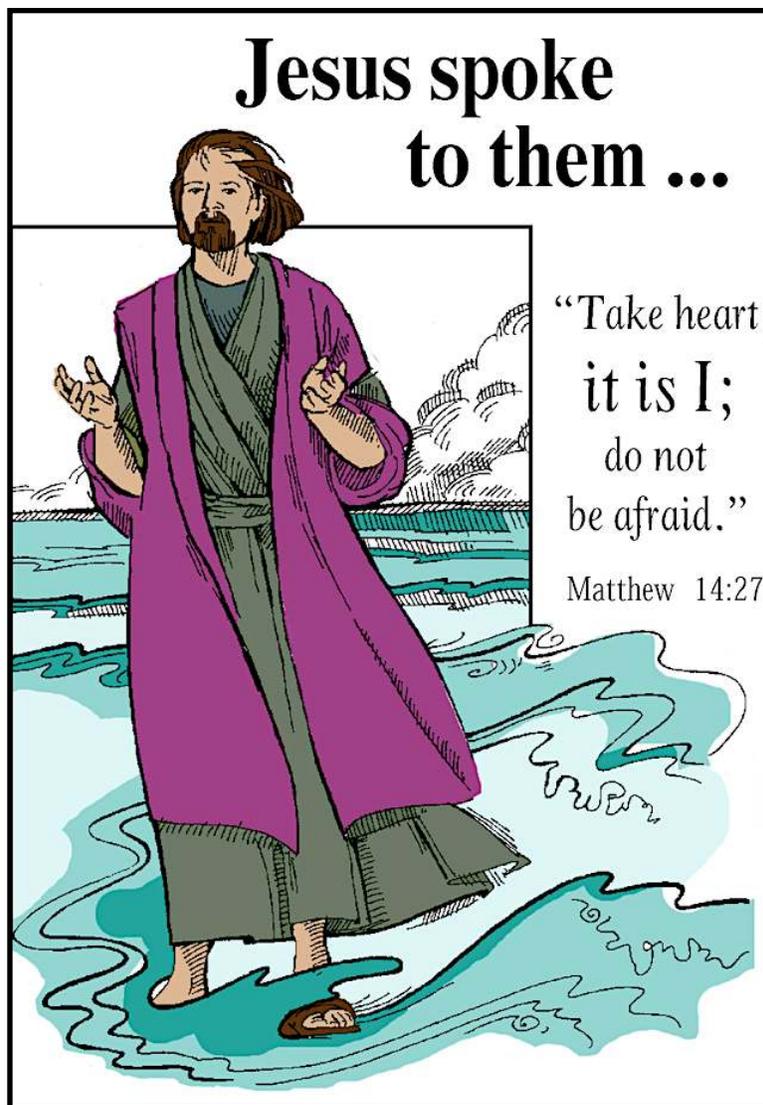


# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD** *(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 69:1-16 (pew bible, p.515)
- ◆ The Hymns: \*44, \*396, 587, 715 (*\*printed on pages 7 & 8*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Kings 19:7-18; James 1:2-8,12
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 73

### **Sermon Text – Matthew 14:22-33**

#### ***LORD, SAVE ME!***

1. Send me away from temptation.
2. Pray for my protection.
3. Lift me up when I'm sinking.

- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (715)

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the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

*You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by  
putting it in the collection plate located in the foyer. There  
will be no offering collection during the service.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – 1 Kings 19:7-18

7 The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. 9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. 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, broken 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, broken 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 all whose mouths have not kissed him.”

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 73

**P** I am always with you, O Lord:

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

**P** You guide me with your counsel:

**C** And afterward you will take me into glory.

**P** Whom have I in heaven but you?:

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

**P** My flesh and my heart may fail:

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

## **Second Lesson – James 1:2-8,12**

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

## **Sermon Text – Matthew 14:22-33**

22 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. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 During the fourth watch of the night 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.”

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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS** worshipping with us this morning! The members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church consider it an honor and privilege to share with you the words of eternal life in Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior. Please sign the guest register in the front entry and come worship with us again!

#### **SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

- ◆ Organist: Carly Meyer
- ◆ Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Zachary Ruegge
- ◆ Elder: Ed Chiappetti

#### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today (8/23)      9:30 am    Worship Service  
Sun (8/30)        9:30 am    Worship Service

#### **EXTENDED CALENDAR**

- ◆ West-Central Pastoral Conference: Sept.8-10 (hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne)
- ◆ Sunday School Staff Installation: Sunday, Sept.13
- ◆ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class resume: Sunday, Sept.13

**CLASSES AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**, Eau Claire, are set to begin tomorrow morning, Monday, August 24. Orientation for the students took place on campus yesterday evening. St. Paul has two young people enrolled at Immanuel this year (John Sprengeler as a high school freshman and Lydia Kettner as a high school senior). We ask the Lord to richly bless the Christian education they receive at our school in the new academic year. We also pray for His blessing and protection upon all our children and young people in each of the schools they are attending. Here's a prayer you may offer:



*Heavenly Father, as Your Son grew from childhood to adulthood He increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Bless, guide, and govern the children and young people of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit so that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You well and usefully, developing the talents You have given them not for their own sakes but for Your glory and for the welfare of others. Protect and defend them from all danger and harm, giving Your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

### AUGUST 24-29

**Mon 1 Kings 19:1-18** Elijah had some BIG problems: Queen Jezebel declared him a public enemy, nobody dared help him, and he was a homeless refugee seeking some hiding place. So he trekked hundreds of miles to the one place he figured to find God—Mount Sinai. There God whispered: "Why are you hiding here, when you have so much to do? Hazeel, Jehu, and Elisha are waiting for you, and 7,000 Israelites need your pastoral help. Get going!"

**Tues Matthew 14:22-33** Jesus also needed solitude as preparation (22-23), and He stepped into action when His friends needed His help (24-25). Peter serves as example—so that we focus on Jesus (rather than on threatening factors) when we are treading water.

**Wed Romans 9:1-5** We mourn for anyone going to hell because of rejecting Jesus as the Savior. God favored the Jews with great advantages (4) and lined them up for even more (5), so it's very distressing (2-3) that Jewish people cut themselves adrift from their Savior. Lord, have mercy on them!

**Thurs Numbers 20:1-18** Moses, the most honorable and responsible pastor of God's ancient people, made a colossal mistake in his ministry by over-reacting when the people complained against God. He over-compensated, misrepresenting God as being angry with them—when God actually wanted to be helpful, gentle, and gracious. Note: Misrepresenting God is bad on two counts: it's unfaithfulness to Him, and its not helpful to others.

**Fri John 4:5-26** Sometimes Jesus said things hard to understand, depending on us to have enough Bible knowledge and spiritual skill to "break the code." So, what fits the picture of water that He gives to a thirsty soul which will abide in that soul, provide life-long refreshment, and bubble up into eternal life? Seems to me that it's God's Word which the Holy Spirit uses to create saving faith in Jesus. [All three belong together and work in harmony.]

**Sat 1 Corinthians 10:1-13** makes an important point: even though God had abundantly blessed the Hebrews, most of them defected (2-5). That was awful for them, but what does it mean for us? It means that we can/should learn from their bad example and avoid their suffering (6-11). Let's watch out for one another, dear readers, for any one of us could fall into sin, disbelief, and other great shame and vice (12). It has happened before, and it can happen again. God alone can rescue us (13) from the brink of disaster, strengthen us to endure the pandemic, to cope with the pressures in our personal lives, and to survive without falling astray from His Word and will. Dear Lord Jesus, we trust You to love us and protect us. Amen!

# 44 Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise

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*Ulrik V. Koren, 1874*  
*Tr., Harriet R. Spaeth, 1899, alt.*

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*Erik Hoff, c. 1890*

1 Ye lands, to the Lord make a ju - bi - lant noise;  
 2 Not we, but the Lord is our Mak - er, our God;

Glo - ry be to God! Oh, serve Him with joy, in His pres-ence  
 Glo - ry be to God! His peo - ple we are, and the sheep led

now re - joice; Sing praise un - to God out of Zi - on!  
 by His rod; Sing praise un - to God out of Zi - on! A-men.

3 Oh, enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise;  
 Glory be to God!  
 To bless Him and thank Him our voices we will raise;  
 Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

4 For good is the Lord, and His mercy is sure;  
 Glory be to God!  
 To all generations His truth shall still endure;  
 Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

# Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink

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Luke 17: 5

William H. Bathurst, 1831, alt.

C. M.

St. Peter

Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by man-y a foe;  
2 That will not mur-mur nor com-plain Be - neath the chas-t'ning rod,  
3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage with-out;  
4 That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scorn-ful smile;



That will not trem-ble on the brink Of pov-er - ty or woe;  
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean up - on its God;  
That, when in dan-ger, knows no fear, In dark-ness feels no doubt;  
That sin's wild o - cean can-not drown Nor Sa-tan's arts be-guile; A-men.



5 A faith that keeps the narrow way  
Till life's last spark is fled  
And with a pure and heavenly ray  
Lights up the dying bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this;  
And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
Of an eternal home.

