

# **SUMMER SCHOOL: LESSONS FROM JESUS**

## **Jesus Walks on Water**

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# ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's eternal love for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing, or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment.

## CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES: SUMMER SCHOOL – Lessons from Jesus

We join the disciples in the classroom of Jesus' ministry. We observe him teaching in the real world as he performs miracles and teaches us life lessons and eternal life lessons. Following the Gospel each week, we will focus on learning important truths and attitudes of faith as we continue to navigate through this pandemic and wrap up the summer.

**Today's Focus:** In today's Gospel Jesus, the Son of God, demonstrates his power over nature and over hearts as he walks on water during a wind storm on the Sea of Galilee.



## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

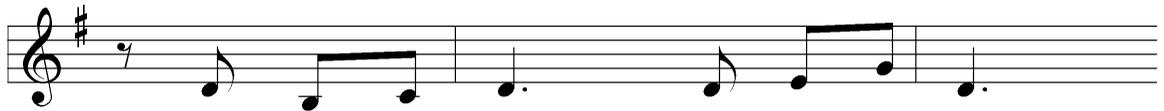
*Bless us, O Lord, as we prepare to worship you today. Help us to concentrate on your life-saving gospel which reminds us that heaven is ours. Help us take this to heart. Amen.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

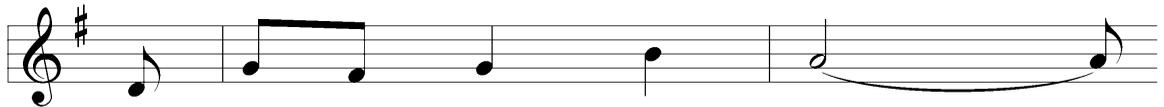
## OPENING PRAISE

## We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

*Christian Worship Supplement #756, vs. 1, 3, & 5*



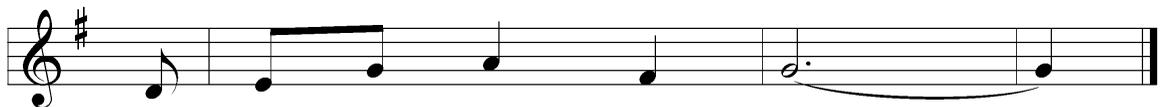
1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
~~2 We may not touch his hands and side~~  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,  
~~4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,~~  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,



No gra - cious words we hear  
Nor fol - low where he trod,  
And may our faith a - bound  
Are found in means di - vine:  
In realms of clear - er light,



From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But in his prom - ise we re - jice  
To call on you when you are near  
Be - neath the wa - ter and the Word,  
We may be - hold you as you are



But we be - lieve him near.  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
And seek where you are found.  
Be - neath the bread and wine.  
With full and end - less sight.

## INVOCATION

*Based on Psalm 100-101*

Minister: Heavenly Father, ever present Lord, forever seeking us and always teaching us:

**Congregation: Open our minds this day to the truth of your Word.**

M: Open our hearts to the gentle caress of your love, to the instruction of your Law, and the soothing comfort of your Gospel.

**C: Open our lips to confess our faith, not just today, but every day.**

M: Open our hands to create beauty, do justice and show kindness – all to the glory of your holy name.

**C: Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit, and do not let us leave today without your blessing.**

M: Open our mouths to sing your praises boldly and loudly as together we worship the Holy Trinity – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

## CONFESSION

M: Righteous and everlasting God, we confess that we are trapped in bondage to sin. We cannot free ourselves. Just when we think we have conquered one sin, another shows its ugly face. We resist one temptation, only to fall for three others. We discipline our tongues to avoid sinful expression, only to be horrified by the vile thoughts and imaginings that arise from deep within us. The impulses of conceit and greed, lust and anger pound through us, wearing down our resistance.

**C: Help us, Lord. Deliver us from the temptations that threaten to overwhelm us. For Jesus' sake, blot out all our offenses. Renew us through the healing, redeeming power of your Holy Spirit. Grant us grace to live as your faithful people, confident in your love, joyous in your mercy, bold in your truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

M: God has heard our prayer of confession, and his love has already provided the remedy for sin. He sent his one and only Son to keep the commandments for us, to suffer the punishment our sins deserve, and to complete the payment for all our sin. This is a trustworthy saying, worthy of all acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I forgive you, in Jesus' name. So believe and rejoice! The peace of the Lord be with you all. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

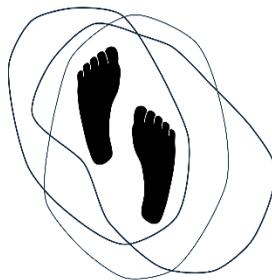
**C: And also with you.**

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **WORSHIP PRAISE**

## **Rescue**

*By Jason Ingram, Paul Mabury, & Lauren Daigle*



## THE WORD

### LESSON

**James 1:2-8, 12**

*The trials we face in this sinful world can make us terrified like the disciples in the boat in today's gospel. When we hear Jesus' voice, the waves of doubt recede and faith finds its place, making us sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

<sup>2</sup>Consider it complete joy, my brothers, whenever you fall into various kinds of trials, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces patient endurance. <sup>4</sup>And let patient endurance finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

<sup>5</sup>If any one of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives it to all without reservation and without finding fault, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, without doubting, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>In fact, that person should not expect that he will receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup>He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who endures a trial patiently, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God promised to those who love him.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Children remain seated with their families as pastor shares a message.*

## SERMON SONG

## Here I am, Lord

*Cross Rhythms will sing the verses. The congregation is invited to join in the refrains.*

*Verse:*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

***Congregation Refrain:***

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

*Verse:*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

***Congregation Refrain:***

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

<sup>22</sup>Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. <sup>24</sup>By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup>In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, "It's a ghost!"

<sup>27</sup>But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, "Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup>Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

### **Son of God, Be My Strength**

STAND

## CONFESSON 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.**

BE SEATED

## OFFERING

*Those who wish to give an offering today may place it in the offering plates near the door as you exit the chapel after worship.*

*The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. We do ask that everyone fill out our Connection Card on our web site at [www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship](http://www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship) whether worshipping in person or watching online.*

## OFFERING PRAISE

**Jesus**

*By Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*The minister speaks the Prayer of the Church.*

*STAND*

## 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.**

## BLESSING

*Based on 1 Peter 5:10-11*

M: And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## CLOSING SONG

## Precious Lord Take My Hand

*Christian Worship #451*

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm,  
Through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call;  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand;  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
Lead me home.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our songs of praise today are accompanied by **Cross Rhythms**,  
one of our congregation's own musical groups.

Liturgist and Preacher: Pastor Dave Backus  
Scripture Reader: Randy Pelischek – 8:00 am  
Soloist: Cali Schwalbach

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