



“Christ Walking on the Waves,” by Rembrandt, ca. 1632.

Reminder - We ask that you strictly adhere to these guidelines:

- You can sit in front of your cars in lawn chairs if you choose.
- Please use restrooms before you arrive. However, should you need to exit your vehicle to use a restroom, our hallway will be taped off in 8 foot increments. Enter & exit only through the side door. Do not congregate in the hallway.
- Please bring your own communion elements, bread & juice! We will not have extra elements on hand. Please use juice, as you cannot legally have an open container of wine in your vehicle!
- Offering can be left in a bin on the way out of the parking lot!
- If you are in a larger vehicle, please park in the back.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God...

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Days of Elijah by Robin Mark

These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials,

of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Chorus

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
So, lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
and out of Zion's Hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of Your servant David,
rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in the world,
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord! **Chorus**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray... ..in Jesus Christ we pray,

C Amen

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the

God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the

dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

My Strength by Dean Krippaehne (Final verse only)

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you alone
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safely home

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Prior to reading:

P The Holy Gospel...

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And

after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

After the Gospel reading:

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Our God Reigns by Rachel Trlstad and Pam Johnson

Chorus

Our God reigns! She is robed in majesty.

Our God is robed in majesty.

Our God reigns! God is robed in majesty.

Our God is robed in majesty and disarms with strength.

Mightier than the armies of our warring lands;

mightier than the power of a few;

Our God on High is mighty, mighty. ***Chorus***

We see God in faces of the suffering.

We see God in faces of the poor.

When we join hands, we are one family, family. **Chorus**

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER SONG

Oh Spirit Guide Me by Sara Thomsen

Oh, Spirit guide me now

Oh, Spirit guide me now

Oh, Spirit guide me now

In your way, guide me

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG

I Was Hungry by Sara Thomsen

I was hungry and you gave me bread
Homeless, you gave a place to lay my head
I was naked, you clothed me
I was imprisoned and you set me free

Chorus

And the prison doors are opening
and the prison walls are falling down
And the prison doors are opening
and the prison walls are falling down

I was parched and dry and you gave me rain
Sick and tired and you eased my pain
I was cold as ice and your warmth melted me
I was imprisoned and you set me free

Bridge

As you've done it to the least of these
my brothers and my sisters,
you've done it unto me

I was crying, you kissed my tears
Frightened, you relieved my fears
I was unheard, you listened to me
I was imprisoned and you set me free **Chorus**

And our eyes and ears are opening
and the walls that divide are falling down
And our hearts and hands are opening
and the chains that held them are falling down

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Rock of Ages by Rita Baloché

There is no Rock, there is no god like our God.
No other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved,
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no Rock, there is no god like ours.

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Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **We Will! Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER LIST

We hold the following in our prayers...

- Alan French (hospitalized)
- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Darlene Schuler (mother of Elaine Sandquist, in hospice with late stage dementia)
- Harold Krueger (grandfather of Emily Snyder, hospitalized)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer, recovering from surgery)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- MaryJo Hennen (friend of Arlyss Hovland, diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia)
- Michael Weiss (diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Pastor Delwayne Hahn (former St. Stephen Interim Pastor, being treated for acute myeloid leukemia)
- Perry Turner (Father of Emily Snyder, recovering from open heart surgery)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Rachel Hirdler (niece of Sandy Hoffbeck, beginning chemotherapy for Osteosarcoma)
- Sharon Asche (mother of Jodie Holland, Hospitalized)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Family of Amy Klemm (former member of St. Stephen)
- Family of Darwin Bridgland (father of Paul Bridgland)
- Family of Jimmy Wohnoutka (father of Chanda Bossuyt)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to Cassie Mages & Cal Sleiter, who were married at St. Stephen yesterday, August 8th!

Worship Participants - 10:30 a.m.

Presiding Minister

Pastor Lyle Snyder

Worship Team

Adri DeBoer, Nicole DeBoer, Carrie Jones, Micayla Jones, Karen
Goergen, and Judy Hoeft