

Matthew 14:22-33

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22Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. **23**When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. **24**Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. **25**Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. **26**When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, “It’s a ghost!” They were so frightened they screamed. **27**Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.” **28**Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.” **29**And Jesus said, “Come.” Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. **30**But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!” **31**Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” **32**When they got into the boat, the wind settled down. **33**Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!”

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

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1Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! **2**Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works!

3Give praise to God’s holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord! **4**Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!

5Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared - **6**you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

16When God called for a famine in the land, destroying every source of food, **17**he sent a man ahead of them, who was sold as a slave: it was Joseph.

18Joseph’s feet hurt in his shackles; his neck was in an iron collar, **19**until what he predicted actually happened, until what the Lord had said proved him true.

20The king sent for Joseph and set him free; the ruler of many people released him.

21The king made Joseph master of his house and ruler over everything he owned, **22**to make sure his princes acted according to his will, and to teach wisdom to his advisors.

45bPraise the Lord!

Romans 10:5-15

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⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law: *The person who does these things will live by them.*

⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this: *Don't say in your heart, "Who will go up into heaven?"* (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or *"Who will go down into the region below?"* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* (that is, the message of faith that we preach). ⁹Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, *All who have faith in him won't be put to shame.* ¹²There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. ¹³*All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.* ¹⁴So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*