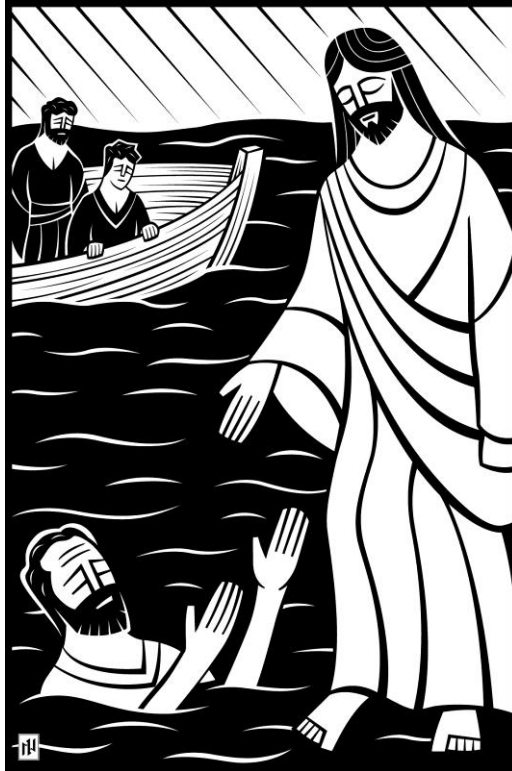


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Christ Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Christian answers doubt with faith. Doubt is the unfortunate companion of faith. Wherever faith clings to the promises of God, doubt is always right there lingering in the back of our mind, constantly asking the serpent's Garden question, "Did God really say?" How striking to think that we must have faith in God before we can doubt him!

Today's lessons show us believers who had faith in God and his abilities to save them, but yet doubted when his plans or purpose failed to match theirs. In each case, it is adversity that fights against faith and allows its unfortunate companion to rear its ugly head. And in each case, the true answer to doubt is not found in the great miracle that removes adversity, but in the still small voice of our Savior God whispering in his Word. Today we hear our Savior God ask us, "Why did you doubt?", and we see that the answer to doubt is the gracious, comforting Word of the Lord: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

*Serving as presiding minister and preacher in Pastor Berg's absence today is
Rev. Dr. Wade Johnston, professor of theology at Wisconsin Lutheran College.*

OPENING HYMN

416 "How Firm a Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 In ev - 'ry con - di - tion, in sick - ness, in health,
3 "Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dis - mayed,
4 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
5 "Through-out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
In pov - er - ty's vale, or a - bound - ing in wealth,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love,



What more can he say than to you he has said
At home and a - broad, on the land, on the sea—
I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
For I will be with you your trou - bles to bless
And then, when gray hair shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
The Lord, the Al - might - y, your strength e'er shall be.
Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
Like lambs they shall still on my shoul - ders be borne."

INVOCATION (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

** Please stand.*

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

** Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



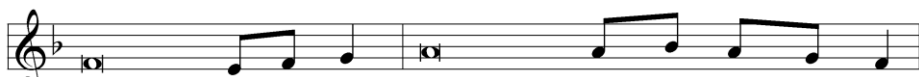
HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – GLORY TO GOD (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



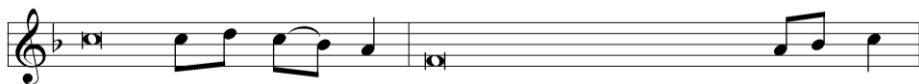
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

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

** Please be seated.*

THE WORD

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 19:9-18

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 73

** The minister will speak the initial refrain, and then the first half of each Psalm verse.*

The congregation will respond with the second half of each verse, and join Pastor in the other refrains.

M: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

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.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

All: **Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

SECOND LESSON Romans 9:1-5

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY Hebrews 11:1 (Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Alleluia.



** The minister processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.*

GOSPEL OF THE DAY Matthew 14:22-33

* *Please stand.*

M: The Holy Gospel for Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, according to St. Matthew, chapter fourteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

* *After the reading of the Gospel:*

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

* *Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 384 "By Grace I'm Saved"



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound - less;
2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior,
3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise
4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble,
5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing;



My soul, be - lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver
Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be -
When you are by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan
In trib - u - la - tion's fur - nace tried— By grace, de -
In Je - sus' prom - ise I re - joice. For though I



at this word of prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er
cause of your own mer - it That Je - sus died your
plagues your trou - bled con - science, And when your heart is
spite all fear and trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is
know my heart's con - di - tion, I al - so know my



false - hood taught? So then this word must true re -
soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a -
seek - ing rest. What rea - son can - not com - pre -
o - pen wide. Where could I help and strength se -
Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad; all grief has



main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
hend God by his grace to you did send.
cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

SERMON

Matthew 14:22-33

NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

** Please stand.*

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

** Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC 405 *“Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – *SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST* (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)

** Please remain seated.*

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but † deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

PREFACES

** Please stand.*

M: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD (John 20:19)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

* Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Personal Prayer before Holy Communion

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC 311 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

Personal Prayer after Holy Communion

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

** Please stand.*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: 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 favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

** Please be seated.*

CLOSING HYMN

404 vv 1,4 "Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven"



1 Faith is a liv - ing pow'r from heav'n
4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,



That grasps the prom - ise God has giv'n,
That you to us this faith have giv'n



A trust that can - not be o'er - thrown,
Through might - y Word and sac - ra - ment



Fixed heart - i - ly on Christ a - lone.
To trust the one whom you have sent.

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Personal Prayer for after Worship

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.

Special thanks to: our guest liturgist and preacher, Rev. Dr. Wade Johnston; Isaiah Johnston for recording the video of the service, and Ben Leyrer for playing the music.

Offering: If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

"About the Propers," a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, and ***"The Congregation at Prayer,"*** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings are posted on our website.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Please contact Pastor Berg if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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