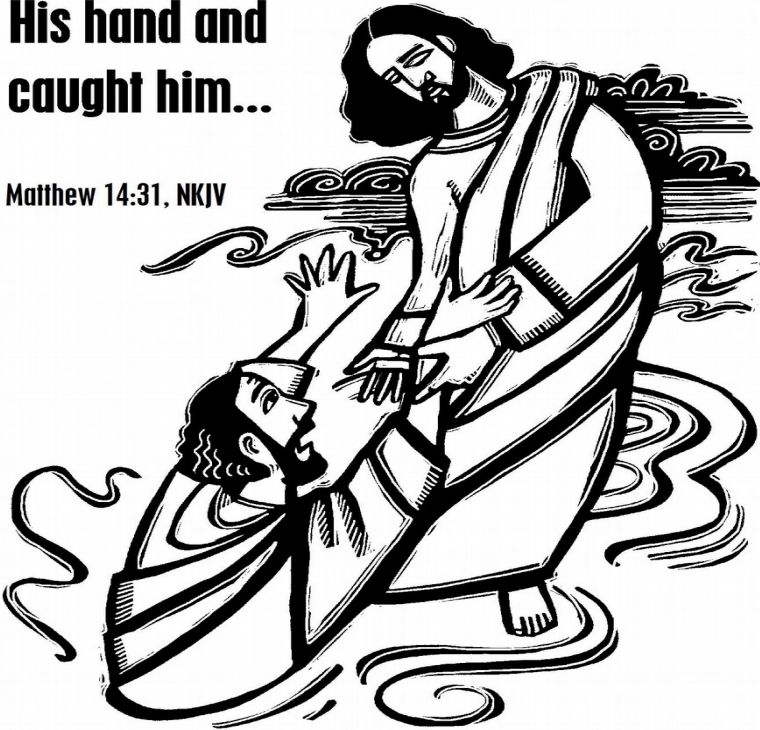


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**And immediately Jesus stretched out
His hand and
caught him...**

Matthew 14:31, NKJV



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Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 18:1-6

¹ I Will love You, O LORD, my strength. ² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ³ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. ⁴ The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. ⁵ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. ⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

Hymn #24 – Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care

Invocation – p. 5

[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]

Confession & Absolution – pp. 5-6

[We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness]

Introit – Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 34:1

[Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.]

- P** I Will bless the LORD at all times;
C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
P I sought the LORD, and He heard me,
C **And delivered me from all my fears.**
P They looked to Him and were radiant,
C **And their faces were not ashamed.**
P This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him,
C **And saved him out of all his troubles.**
P The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,
C **And delivers them.**
P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;
C **Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!**
P I Will bless the LORD at all times;
C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Gloria Patri – p. 6

[Latin for “Glory to the Father” ~ We glorify the Triune God]

The Kyrie – p. 7

[Greek for “O Lord” ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]

Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #237 v. 1)

[Latin for “Glory in the Highest” ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

The Collect for the Day – p. 9

[The main thoughts for the day are “collected” together in this prayer]

Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ So he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” ¹¹ Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the 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; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. ¹³ So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ And he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. ¹⁶ “Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ “It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. ¹⁸ “Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all

whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Gradual – Psalm 34:9, 19; Matthew 14:27

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

P Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints!

C **There is no want to those who fear Him.**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **But the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

P Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,

C **“Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” Alleluia.**

Triple Hallelujah – p. 10

[Hebrew for “Praise the Lord” - We Praise God for giving us His Word.]

Epistle Reading – James 1:2-8, 12

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways... ¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Confession of Faith - Apostle’s Creed p. 12

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #518 – If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Sermon Text – Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It

is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” ²⁹ So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

Sermon – Jesus Destroys Doubt

- I. With His Presence
- II. With His Power

Offertory – p. 12

[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]

Offering of Thankful Hearts

[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #428 – I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Prayer for the Church – p. 14

[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]

The Benediction – p. 14

[We receive God's blessing for another week]

Hymn #396 – Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink

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✠ Announcements ✠

Parking Lot Fund – Last Sunday, in a special voters’ meeting, the voters decided to begin a fund to be used for repairing the parking lot. If you would like to contribute to the fund, simply indicate “parking lot” in the memo line of your check.

Prayers for Nepal – Heavy rainfall has led to massive flooding in hundreds of villages in Nepal. Approximately 100,000 people in 37 of Nepal’s 75 districts have been affected, and at least 110 deaths have been reported. Among those affected are about 300 families from among our brothers and sisters in the HCLCN, many of whom have been displaced from their homes. The Board of Missions has authorized an initial \$5000 from the CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF) to assist our fellow Christians with recovery efforts. Please pray for the Lord’s protection and provision for those who are suffering in Nepal, and pray that He provides wisdom and resources to those who are working to assist the many who are in need.

Women's Retreat – Grace Lutheran Church in Valentine, NE and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY are hosting a Women's Retreat September 22-24 at Chadron State Park, Chadron, NE. The cost is \$90 per person. Deadline for registration is August 22nd For more information, visit: <http://christianwomensretreat.weebly.com/chadron.html>.

Partners in Ministry Program - The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who have been contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and who would need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by September 1 (extended deadline). Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, 715-836-6622/jimsandeen@gmail.com.

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Worship Attendance:	22
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