

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." 28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Reflection Questions:

- What word, phrase, or image jumps out at you in this story? (Share with a neighbor. Please don't explain your answer.)
- What does this story teach you about struggles and doubts? (Share with a neighbor.)
- What is God calling you to do, be, or change in this passage? (Answer quietly to yourself.)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The Gospel Reading

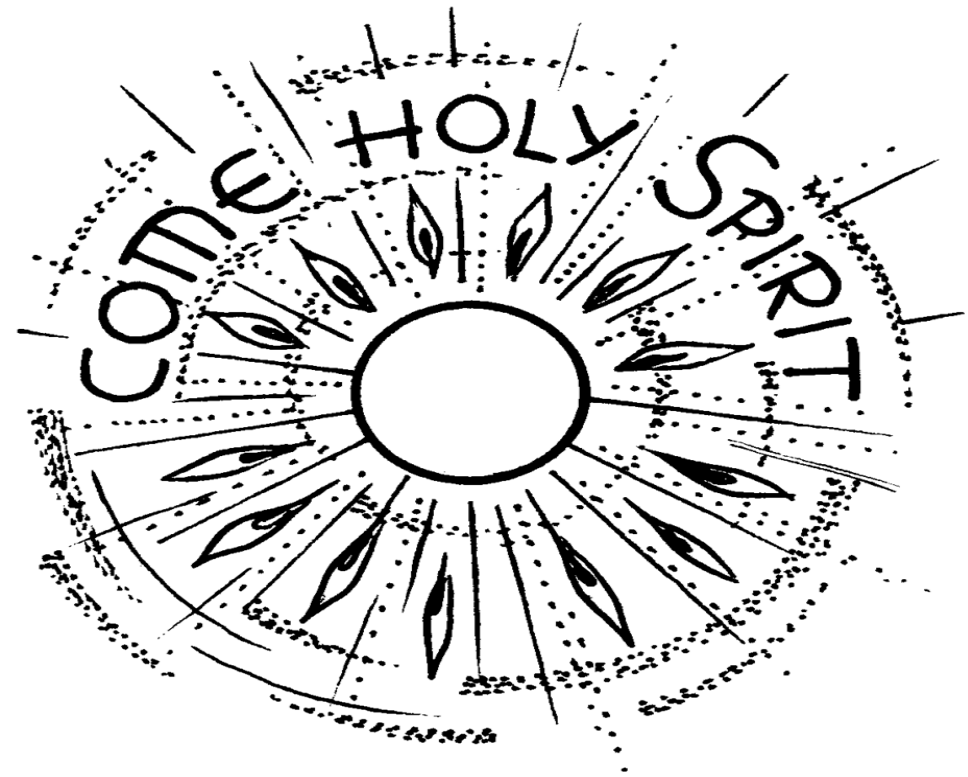
Matthew 15:21-28

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: Walking on Water

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,
"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:27

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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Welcome to worship at Peace! Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website www.peacelutherantacoma.org or Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma) or YouTube channel (contact church office for link) for online worship videos.

+ We worship in the summer at 10 am, also live streamed on our Facebook page.

+ Children and worship: We offer a Children's Worship Time during worship. Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the entrance for children to use in worship. Childcare (Nursery) is provided in the basement for children 4 and under.

A cry room is just outside the worship space. Please bring your own toys.

+ Holy Communion is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love. Bread and wine/grape juice are distributed at the time of Communion. A gluten-free option is available. If you are worshiping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself. If you desire **Baptism**, please talk with Pastor John.

+ Decisions about when a child should receive Communion belong to the family. Communion preparation materials are available for parents to provide instruction at home, and Pastor John is happy to help families with this.

+ Transportation: Need a ride to worship? Call the church and press 120 to leave a message on the van line.

+ If you would like to make an offering to the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church, please give in person Sundays in the Offering Box, or send your financial contribution to Peace Lutheran Church (address above), donate through the Giving link on the church website, or call the church office 253-383-1317 to set up electronic giving.

+ If you have questions or concerns or prayer requests or a desire for pastoral care please contact Pastor John (pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org, 253-383-1317 ext. 101).

THE GATHERING

Welcome

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Every praise is to our God, every word of worship in one accord.

Every praise, every praise, is to our God.

Sing Hallelujah to our God, Glory Hallelujah is due our God.

Every praise, every praise is to our God.

God my Savior, God my healer, God my deliverer, yes he is, yes he is. (2x)

"You Are Good" 2001 Integrity's Praise! Music, Sound of the New Breed *

Lord, you are good and your mercy endureth forever. (4x)

People from every nation and tongue from generation to generation,

We worship you. Hallelujah, Hallelujah! We worship you for who you are (2x)

Refrain: You are good all the time and all the time you are good.

"Psalm 23/I Am Not Alone" People & Songs 2018, feat. Josh Sherman *

The Lord is my Shepherd, he goes before me, defender behind me, I won't fear.

I'm filled with anointing, my cup's overflowing, no weapon can harm me, I won't fear.

Hallelujah, I am not alone, he's my comfort, always holds me close.

Your Spirit lives within me, so I will walk in your peace.

Your Spirit lives within me, my victory, my victory.

Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

Prayer

THE WORD

(See back of bulletin for readings)

The Gospel Song "We Exalt Thee" Peter Sanchez Jr. 1975, PSALM 97:9 *

We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, O Lord. (2x)

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

The Gospel Song "We Exalt Thee"

Children's Message and Summer Bible Adventure Songs

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day "I Need You To Survive"

Hezekiah Walker and The Love Fellowship Choir, Family Affair II: Live at Radio City Music Hall 2002*

I need you, you need me, we're all a part of God's body, stand with me, agree with me.

We're all a part of God's body, it is his will that every need be supplied.

You are important to me I need you to survive. (2x)

Refrain: I'll pray for you, you pray for me, I love you, I need you to survive.

I won't harm you, with words from my mouth, I love you, I need you to survive. (2x)

It is his will that every need be supplied, you are important to me, I need you to survive.

You are important to me I need you to survive.

Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

The Prayers of the People of God *(After each petition, "God, hear our prayer.")*

Prayer Response: "Come By Here"

Txt: traditional; Music: KUM BA YAH, traditional; arr. Richard Smallwood, Arr. ©1975 Century Oak/Richwood Music *

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. (3x) O Lord, come by here.

Someone needs you, Lord... Send a blessing, Lord...

The Gospel Choir

THE MEAL

The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

The Meal Is Shared

(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share in the meal of Holy Communion. The red glasses are wine; the white glasses are grape juice.)

Communion Song "What Can Wash Away My Sin?"

Robert Lowery 1826-1899 Plainfield, Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 *

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow,

No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "The Best Is Yet to Come" Donald Lawrence and the Tri-City Singers, Go Get Your Life Back, 2002 *

Hold on my brother, don't give up, Hold on my sister, just look up.

There is a master plan in store for you if you just make it through.

God's gonna really blow your mind, He's gonna make it worth your time.

For all of the troubles you been through the blessings double just for you.

The best is yet to come, the best, the best, is yet to come.

The Dismissal Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

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