

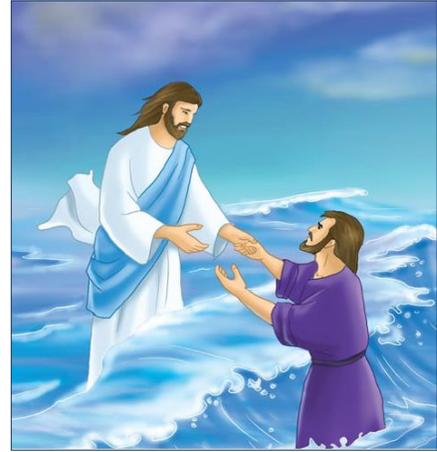
TODAY'S HYMN IS PUBLIC DOMAIN

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH—KENYON MN

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

Peter Sinks



Matt. 14:22-33

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: God, you are a God of invitation.
C: **You invited Abraham to follow you.**
L: You invited the disciples to drop their nets.
C: **You invited the children to draw near.**
L: You invited Peter to walk on water.
C: **You invited the tax collector to dinner.**
L: You invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.
C: **Just the same, you invite us to live lives of faith.**
L: Give us the strength to say yes.
C: **Let us worship good and holy God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY & CONFESSION

- P: God of the wind and the sea,
C: **You invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear.
You invite us to trust you, but we'd rather trust wind and gravity.
You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never
been good at that.**
P: You invite us to move – to change and take a risk –
C: **But we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways
growth might hurt.**
P: Forgive us for our self-doubt and fear.
C: **We believe, despite our unbelief. Amen.**

READINGS

ROMANS 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

MATHEW 14:22-33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, 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."

MESSAGE Pastor Julie Rogness

MUSIC *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* vss. 1,2 ELW #774

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1919; Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924 — PUBLIC DOMAIN

1 **What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

REFRAIN **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

2 **Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

REFRAIN **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Great Sew-er —
who weaves us together in community,
collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit —
who hems us in before and behind,
catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.**

**And I believe in Jesus Christ —
who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out,
refusing to disregard anyone as scrap.**

**I believe God has woven part of God's self
into the fiber of our being,
making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.**

**I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
that I am prone to error
and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.**

**I believe in the Church,
and that like a quilt of different fabrics,
she is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.**

**And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
to hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,
and to invite me into a new journey. Amen.**

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING OF PEACE | OFFERING OF GIFTS

MUSIC *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, v. 3* ELW #774

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**3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**REFRAIN Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

BLESSING Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus. ROMANS 8:38-39

God, the creator, ☩ Jesus, the Christ,
And the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
Bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you
Thanks be to God.



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