

Pentecost 11

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14 (Year A)

The disciples in their small boat are being thrashed around by a storm, and, seeing Jesus, they cry out, thinking he is a ghost. Peter calls to him and ventures onto the water, but when he takes his eyes off the Lord, he plunges into the waves. Jesus urges us to keep our eyes on him, especially when the storms of life seek to engulf us. It is God who is in charge — the God who made and calms the wind and waves.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Job 38:4-18**God Answers Job**

Job made his case to God, saying that he does not deserve to suffer in this way. God heard him out and then spoke the bold truth of who is in charge, citing the creation as God's design and handiwork of which Job had no knowledge or part. These poetic words humble Job and all humanity by explicating our smallness and insignificance in contrast to the creative power and might of God.

Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16)**My Rock and Fortress**

The psalmist praised the Lord for being his strength and deliverer. Even though he was near death, when he cried out to God, he was rescued from Sheol. The God of salvation was the psalmist's rock and fortress, his shelter from the storms of life.

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-17**The Word is Near You**

St. Paul taught the Roman Christians about faith in Christ, saying that if one believed from the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, that person would be saved. This good news went out to any who believed, for there were no distinctions between Jew and Greek. Simply by calling on the name of the Lord, one is saved.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33**Do Not Be Afraid!**

Immediately after Jesus fed five thousand men, plus women and children, he sent his disciples across to the other side of the lake. Jesus sent the crowds away and went to the mountain to pray. Soon after, the disciples' boat was battered by a storm. Jesus approached the boat on the water and called out to them.

Liturgical Color: Green

- In Ordinary Time use either the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Apostles' Creed.

What are the storms in life that people face? Luther said that storms and triumphs alternate: "There is comfort in the fact that although life as such is very sad and is truly a sowing in tears, God meanwhile allows no trial to be perpetual but, just as the seasons change, so blue skies always follow a fog, and recreation follows labor." We can find Christ in the trials and in the victory!

As children and teachers prepare to return to school, have a blessing for them during worship. See the Pentecost Seasonal webpage.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	---	780	---	774	208	208
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	487	---	685	802	---	---
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me	333	---	722	767	249	249
Eternal Father, Strong to Save	467	---	717	756	6	6
Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me	334	---	715	755	220	220
When Peace Like a River	346	---	763	785	224	224
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	294	---	575	596	192	192
My Life Flows on in Endless Song	---	781	---	763	253	253
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	---	731	739	773	206	206
Have No Fear Little Flock	476	---	735	764	202	202

*The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."*

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

Way Maker
(CCLI# 7115744)
Praise You in This Storm
(CCLI# 4543620)
It is Well (Through it All)
(CCLI# 7021972)
Mighty to Save
(CCLI# 4591782)
Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)
(CCLI# 6428767)

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