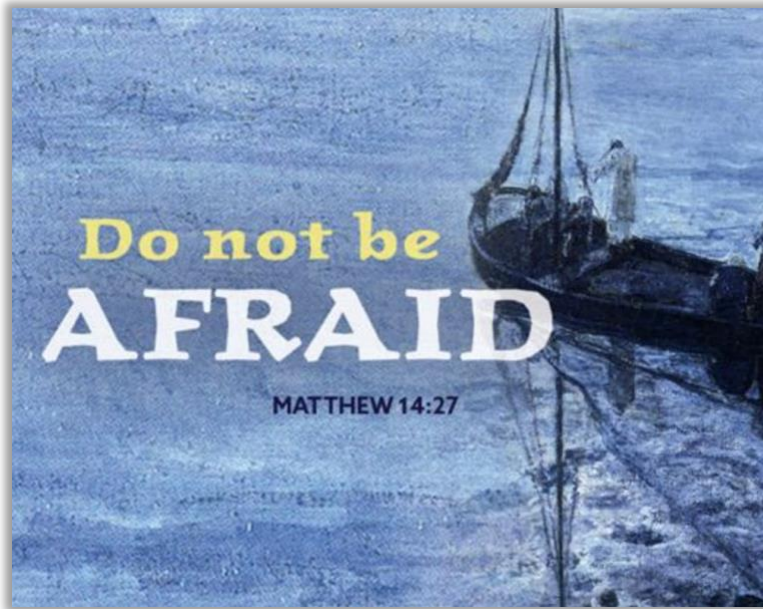
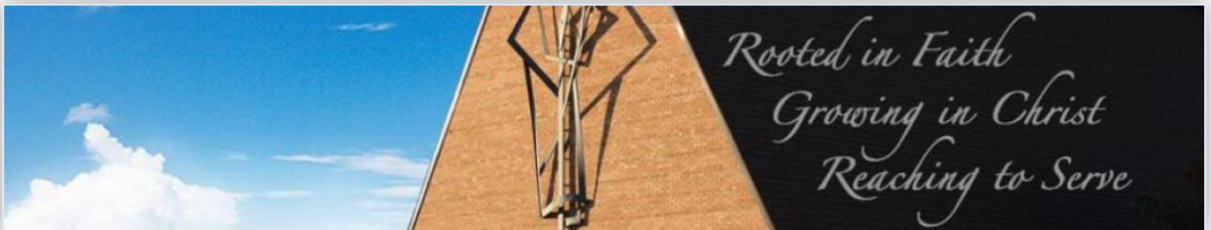


SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Virginia, MN
Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Jennifer Fredrickson, Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Shout to the Lord

ELW# 821

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



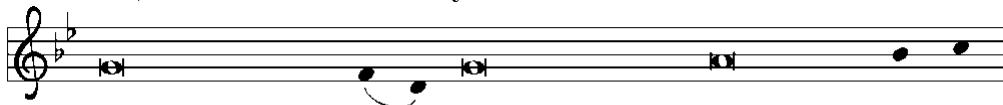
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



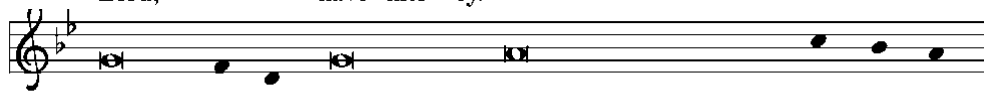
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



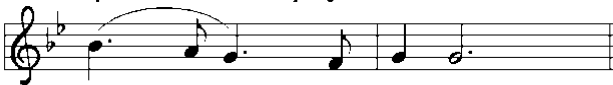
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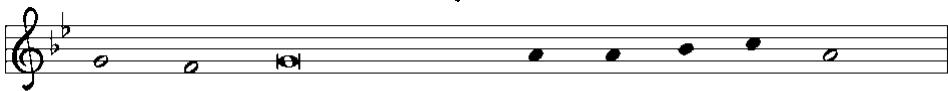
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



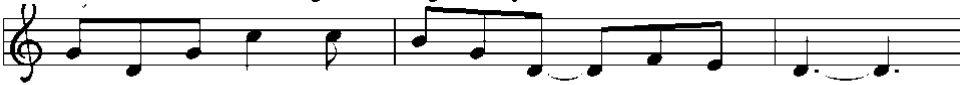
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of
all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

Lector, Mary Troutwine

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.";

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking 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 sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha

son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazeel, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13. *Please respond with verses in bold print.*

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew’s gospel typically portrays Jesus’ disciples as people of “little faith,” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW# 756

APOSTLES CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Please respond after each petition: (Pastor) "Merciful God,," (Congregation) "receive our prayer."

Concluding prayer: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

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OFFERTORY

Accept, O Lord, The Gifts We Bring, Vs. #1

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Musical notation for the Offertory. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: "1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble." The second staff continues the melody, and below it, the lyrics are: "We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble." The music ends with a double bar line.

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.

OFFERING PRAYER Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical notation for The Great Thanksgiving. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. Below each staff, the lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music ends with a double bar line.

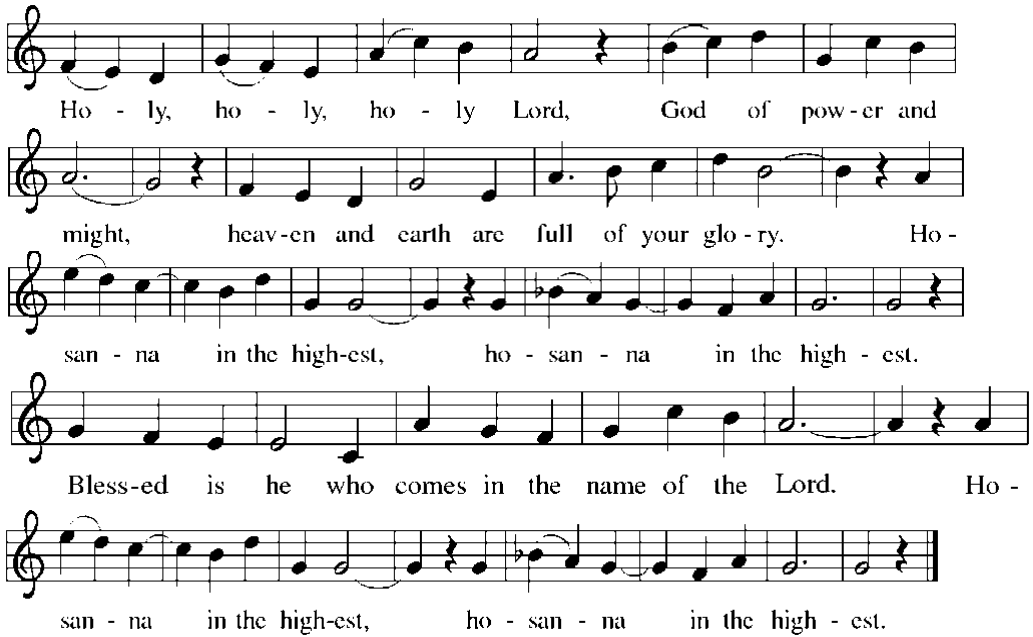
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Heaven has come near. Come. share in the feast! All are welcome.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Let Us Break Bread Together
Come, Let Us Eat (time permitting)

ELW# 471
ELW# 491

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship.. Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

ELW# 774

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Fredrickson, Pianist

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Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Jean, Tom, Gordy, Paul, Fred, Ellen, Steven, Gary, Chuck, Ron, Nadia, Butch, Mary, Ruth, Hudson, Wilson, Logan, Nel, Dan, Jim, Kyle, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Dan, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Scooby, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Tedd, Matthew, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Anna, Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Kyle, Gerilyn, Wally, Ralph, Sue.

Call the church office or Pastor if you have a prayer need: we can send it to the prayer chain if you desire. If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

11th Sunday After Pentecost, 9th August 2026

HABITAT HOUSE BUILD Join us on Tuesday, August 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as we get the foundation ready for concrete. No tools or experience required! Email tucker@nslchfh.org or call [218-780-4594](tel:218-780-4594) to sign up and receive the address.

WELCA NEWS FOR AUGUST The WELCA Laurentian Conference will hold a *Fall Gathering* planning meeting here **WED. AUG. 12TH at 10am**, with lunch served afterwards.

***THURS. AUG. 20TH**, All women of the congregation are invited to a picnic here at **12pm**, in our courtyard - weather permitting (inside if raining). Talk with Marcia about food and the details!

SPAGHETTI DINNER! The Scouting America Troop invites you to a **Spaghetti Dinner here, Friday, AUG. 14TH 4-8pm**, coinciding with the Iron Range half-marathon! See the details on the next page.

SUMMER CHOIR It has been wonderful to hear the choir this summer. Our “pick-up” choir will sing on Sunday, **AUG. 16th** (8:30 a.m. practice). All who are interested in music are invited to join us - Come see what singing in the choir is like and have fun with us!

BOOK STUDY GROUP! Join us as we study a wonderful classic titled, *“Falling Upward.”* We will read a chapter together and hold open discussion afterwards- which has been quite enjoyable.

Dates & time are: **AUG. 13 & 27, 12-1pm**, in the Fireside Room.

WELCA & Fun-Duh-Mentals BIBLE STUDY The WELCA Study will be held **AUG. 4th & AUG. 18th @ 1pm**, and Fun-Duh-Mentals Bible Study on Ruth will be **AUG. 4th & AUG. 18th @ 4pm**. Both studies are open & do not require you to be seasoned with Bible Studies!

****All three Book studies above provide opportunity at different times during the month to explore spiritual life & build relationships; join us when you can!***

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP Today’s Livestream is sponsored by Tom Klabecek, in loving memory of wife Jarie. *Thank you for your support.* To sponsor Livestream & TV Broadcasts in honor of a person or special event (wedding annivers., birthday, graduation etc..) or in memory of a loved one, you may do so in any amount- It helps maintain our sound/camera equipment. See the kiosk/glass cabinet in the narthex to sign up. *Your support is appreciated.*

***THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, AUG. 14. THE SCOUTS WILL BE HERE FOR THE FUNDRAISER DINNER**

<u>UPCOMING @</u> <u>OSLC:</u> <u>AUGUST 10</u> 10:30AM AA 2 PM ORGAN PR. 6PM SCOUTS 7PM NA	<u>AUGUST 11</u> 9:30AM WELCA MTG-FIRESIDE 10:30AM AA 2 PM ORGAN PR.	<u>AUGUST 12</u> 9AM QUILTING 10AM WELCA FALL GATHERING MTG 10:30AM AA 12-3PM C.CLOSET 2 PM ORGAN PR. 5:30PM ALANON	<u>AUGUST 13</u> 10:30AM AA 12PM BOOK STUDY <i>FALLING UPWARD</i> 2:30PM TOPS 6PM CUB SCOUTS 7PM NA W. WING	<u>AUGUST 14 *OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED TODAY</u> 10:30AM AA 12-8PM SCOUTS FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI DINNER! 7PM NA W.WING	<u>AUGUST 15</u> 10:30AM AA
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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
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THURS. AUG. 20TH 12PM
OUR SAVIOR'S COURTYARD



Youth Group - Grades 3-6
Confirmation - Grades 7-8
Sr. High Youth Group - Grade 9 - 12

L.I.F.T.
resumes
**Wednesday,
September 23**

Fall Unit is at
Gethsemane
6-8 pm

More details will be released soon



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COMMUNITY CLOSET PANTRY

Below are the following challenge items for the pantry. You can buy what you desire & at the store that is most convenient for you; we just provide examples of most commonly needed items for the week and give examples of spending \$10 or less. We appreciate all donations!

1. PEANUT BUTTER @ ALDI'S
\$2.19/18OZ JAR.
2. BERRYHILL JAM & PRESERVES @ ALDI'S
2.49-\$2.95 PER 18OZ JAR.
3. STARKIST TUNA @ SUPER ONE
\$.99 PER CAN
4. PRAIRIE FARMS MILK @ SUPER ONE
\$1.66/32OZ CONTAINER
5. CREAMETTE PASTA @ SUPER ONE
PROTEIN BLEND \$1.66/14OZ BOX

**AS ALWAYS, PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED*



[Read Matthew 14: 22-33 on biblegateway.com](#)

²²Immediately he 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."

Devotion: When Jesus finished his time with God he turned to his disciples on the water. The wind battered the waves and the men were frightened. Peter, however, requested Jesus to allow him to come to Jesus on the water.. Peter did well on the water, until he took his eyes from Jesus, and when frightened by the strong winds he lost faith. Then Jesus reached out, took Peter's hand, and guided him back to the safety of the boat. Though Peter had some doubts when he looked at the sea, when he turned his eyes on Jesus, he was rescued and his faith was restored. In this faith Peter became a leader of the faithful and showed his courage. His leadership brought many believers to the Lord. May we all have courage like Peter to show others that our salvation rests on your power and love.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for the love and teaching you gave your disciples. We especially see Peter's bravery, having taken a risk to trust you and be with you on the sea. Amen.

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