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Prelude
 Tower Bells and Welcome
 Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plates by the sanctuary doors. Completed cards may also left on the pew seat.

Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. Thus, the congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.

Opening Hymn

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

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1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,
 A cheerful trust maintain;
 For God, the source of ev'rything,
 Your portion shall remain.

4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r
 Guard ev'ry childhood day?
 And did He not in threat'ning hour
 Turn dreaded ills away?

2 He is your treasure, He your joy,
 Your life and light and Lord,
 Your Counselor when doubts annoy,
 Your shield and great reward.

6 His wisdom never plans in vain
 Nor falters nor mistakes.
 All that His counsels may ordain
 A blessed ending makes.

3 Why spend the day in blank despair,
 In restless thought the night?
 On your Creator cast your care;
 He makes your burdens light.

7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
 And trust His guiding love;
 Then like a rock thy peace shall stand
 Here and in heav'n above.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
 O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
 Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Introit Psalm 18:1-16, 46

1 I love you, O Lord, my strength.

2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

3 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

and I am saved from my enemies.

4 The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;

5 the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

6 In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

7 Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled

and quaked, because he was angry.

8 Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.

9 He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet.

10 He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water.

12 Out of the brightness before him hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.

13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire.

14 And he sent out his arrows and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.

15 Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare

at your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

16 He sent from on high, he took me; **he drew me out of many waters.**

46 The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation—

Collect for the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

All: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Job 38:1-18

1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

2 “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,
7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,
9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,
10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?
12 “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?
14 It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.
15 From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.
16 “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 10:5-17

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6 But the righteousness based on 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 with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33 (*stand*)

L: The Gospel Reading is from St. Matthew the 14th chapter.

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the

sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

28 And 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 and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And 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."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sermon Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

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1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fulness all He takes away.

4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Sermon “Jesus Can Take Care Of Us” Matthew 14:26, 27, 30, 31 (See Insert)

26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

- A) How many miracles did Jesus do in this event? At least these... (Do you see more?)
1. Jesus came to them, walking on the sea.
 2. Jesus spoke so all the disciples heard Him in a storm, “Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.”
 3. Peter walked on water.
 4. Jesus lifted Peter up back back out of the water, while Jesus was on the water. Together they walked to the boat.
 5. The winds ceased.
- B) The disciples called the best thing for them — Jesus coming to them to save them — and evil thing, “a ghost.”
- Are there times in our lives that comes to us that we don’t recognize His goodness in the middle of the chaos and evil happening?
 - The devil tempts us to call good things from God to be bad things, so that we convince ourselves to look other places for help. Something else becomes our God.
- C) Faith looks to Jesus.
- “Little faith” looks at Jesus, and says can I walk on water too?
 - Doubts turn away and look at the troubles as if they are more powerful than Jesus. (Peter looks at the wind.)
 - Faith calls out to Jesus for help.
- D) **Immediately** – Jesus listens and helps. Vs 27 and 31. This is the heart of the Gospel. Jesus can and does help. No requirements of good works, but immediately Jesus helps.
- E) Jesus is the Son of God.

The Prayers of Zion Lutheran Church

O Lord, our God, we do not presume to know Your ways or inform Your judgment. We ask You to grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may apprehend Your ways and know Your Son, Jesus Christ, by faith. Give us wisdom, that we may trust in Your Word amid the stormy seas of this mortal life and be safely delivered from all danger onto the eternal shores of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we have no righteousness of our own but only the righteousness of Christ into which we were clothed in Baptism. Grant us grace, that we may be faithful in every circumstance and bold in the confession of His saving name. Guard those who preach Your Word to us so that, hearing, we may believe and, believing, we may have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we see the great need and ask You to raise up those who will serve us as pastors, teachers, missionaries and in all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and the younger congregations, that they may endure. Grant pastors to congregations who are seeking them. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them, and do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we ask You to bless us, our nation and those who lead us. Guide all elected and appointed civil servants in their judgments, that we may know justice in our land and peace among the nations. Make us especially mindful of those who need our special protection, the unborn, the aged, the poor, the homeless and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, You have given us friends, neighbors and fellows citizens who protect, provide and guide us through many needs, troubles and problems of this life. We thank you for them and we ask you to bless, protect, give wisdom and strength to them and all their families: Firefighters, law-enforcement, rescue and emergency crews, doctors, nurses, all medical staff and workers, utility workers and all maintenance crews,

O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon all elementary schools, high schools, colleges, universities and all other institutions of education. At this time of pandemic, we see clearly O Lord, there is so much we do not know and perceive about our daily existence. Yet, our children and youth need education to grow up well and mature in their lives but the conditions of health and safety varies so much from community to community.

Protect our children and young people and their families, O Lord.

Protect our schools' teachers, staff and administrations, O Lord.

Help us and all people to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we remember the sick, those who suffer, those troubled in mind, the grieving and the dying. Deliver them according to Your will and grant them the comfort of Your Word in their afflictions, that they may depend upon Your mercy in every circumstance. Hear us especially for _____ . Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray You to be our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, our courage in fear and our peace in distress. Speak to us by the voice of Your Word, that we may call upon You in the day of trouble and confess Your saving name before all people. Hear us on behalf of ourselves and those for whom we have prayed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Lord's Prayer

Responses, Closing Collect and Benediction

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

Collect for God's Grace and Protection for the Day (Luther's Morning Prayer)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thank be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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