

11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 13th, 2023
Order of Service: Devine Service Three
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AS WE GATHER

When children cannot understand why they can’t do something, the answer is often, “Because I said so.” As they grow up, they may get the answers they seek. Job did not get an answer, but he kept his faith in his Creator. In the Gospel, the disciples cannot understand Jesus’ walking on the sea, but when He is in the boat with them, they confess, “Truly You are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Though we may ask God, “Why?” and Paul in the Epistle says we cannot understand God’s reasons, we can confess with our mouths and believe in Christ’s resurrection. It is an exercise of the faith God has so graciously given us. Why did He come to earth? He came to save us. In great might He destroyed death itself so that we might live with Him forever. That’s why!

Opening Hymn: LSB #717 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” *sts. 1–4*

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

Kyrie *LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 189*

Old Testament Reading *Job 38:4–18*

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Epistle *Romans 10:5–17*

Alleluia *LSB 190*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:22–33*

Apostles’ Creed *LSB 192*

Hymn of the Day: LSB #752 “Be Still, My Soul”

Sermon

Offertory *LSB 192*

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer *LSB 196*

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

Benediction *LSB 202*

Closing Hymn: LSB #849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. 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. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” *Matthew 14:23–27*