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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 13, 2023

Morning Prayer (p. 235)

The Preservice Music, Call to Worship & Welcome

Hymn: 906 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Versicles

LSB 235

Psalm

Psalm 18:1–6



<sup>1</sup>I | love you,\*

O | LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,\*

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

<sup>3</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy | to be praised,\*

and I am saved from my | enemies.

<sup>4</sup>The cords of death en- | compassed me;\*

the torrents of destruction as- | sailed me;

<sup>5</sup>the cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*

the snares of death con- | fronted me.

<sup>6</sup>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.

Collect of the Day

Office Hymn: 716 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

The Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4–18

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all

the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? <sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Epistle Reading

*Romans 10:5-17*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>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); <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup>But how are they to 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? <sup>15</sup>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!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 14:22-33*

**P**The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**C**Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>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.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

**Hymn: 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"**

## Sermon

**Offering** (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)



## Financial Discipleship: August 6 & 7, 2023

General Fund	\$7,759.85
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (+\$1,990.85)</i>	
ISJ Academy	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$75.00
Tessaro Ministry( Nigeria Mission	\$25.00
Back to school block party	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL Contributions</b>	<b>\$7,929.85</b>

### Announcements

#### **Starting the Year ... On The Right Note!**

Don't forget this Tuesday, **August 15th from 6-8 pm** to attend **St. James' Back to School Block Party!** Please come out and join us!

**ISJ Discounts for Members** Just as a reminder if you are member in good standing with St. James you can receive a 15% off discount for students attending the ECC program or a 30% off discount for students in kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Your family is eligible if you have children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Schaeffer.

**We Need Ushers:** We have a few people that are currently helping us with usher duties on Sundays and when we have midweek services, but we need a few more ushers. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way to help services to run as smooth as possible. Ashley will be placing a sign-up sheet for current and new ushers outside the church office.

**Newsletter:** Paper copies of the newsletter are on the table in the lobby.

**NECM Meijer Simply Give Campaign:** Plainfield Meijer is launching another "Simply Give" program from now until Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information the flyer will be hanging up across from the coat room.

**Pastor on Vacation:** Pastor will be on Vacation this week. If you need any assistance, please contact the Deacons.

**St. James Tuition Assistance Fund:** What is the St. James Tuition Assistance Fund? St. James Lutheran Church is excited to be able to offer tuition assistance to church member families enrolled in ISJ Academy. This assistance is funded by donations from St. James' members who wish to help with the cost of tuition for our members' children at ISJ Academy. The members support the strong Christian and academic education which ISJ Academy provides. If you would like more information, please find the forms on the table in the Narthex.