



A colorful illustration depicting a dramatic scene. In the upper left, a boat with several figures, including a woman in a yellow and white sari, is tossed by large, swirling blue and grey waves. In the lower right, a man in a red shirt and green pants stands on a dark, rocky shore, looking out at the sea. A yellow fish is shown leaping out of the water near him. The overall style is expressive and painterly.

Lord, save me!

MATTHEW 14:30

Hope Lutheran Church

August 13, 2023

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Trust and Obey" **FOG # 454**

P: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

C: Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze.

P: Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to find rest.

C: Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.

P: Like lovers drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.

C: Like little children, we have come to be surprised.

P: Hear the word of God and make your reply: "My heart has heard you say, 'Come and talk with me, O my people!'"

All: And my heart responds, "God, I am coming."

Hymn of Praise "I Love To Tell the Story" 2 verses FOG #

Prayer of the Day (in unison) 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.

The Lessons **I Kings 19:9-18**

Psalm 85:8-13

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Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Gospel

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day "It Is Well With My Soul"

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Apostle's Creed

Offering/Offertory "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayers of the Church-----The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" FOG # 520

**In Our Prayers: Bruce Gerking, and John and Janice Beethe on
the death of their son-in-law, Jess Kirchhoff.**

**We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest
please sign the guest book in the entry.**

Wednesday, Aug. 16th: 8:00 p.m. Church Council.

**Sunday 20th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, communion
assistant, Janice Beethe.**

**Sheri Moss is retiring from the Postal Service with 25 years of
service. Come help her celebrate at the Duncan Bldg. Unadilla
August 26th 5:30-7:00 for supper & after 7:00 for music & fun.
Congratulations, Sheri! She will be starting a new position for
SDA School as secretary.**

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FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

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?" ¹⁰He 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."

¹¹He 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; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the **LORD** was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When 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?" ¹⁴He 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." ¹⁵Then 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. ¹⁶Also 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

Hazaël, 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."

Psalm 85:8-13**SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15 [not printed]****GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

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