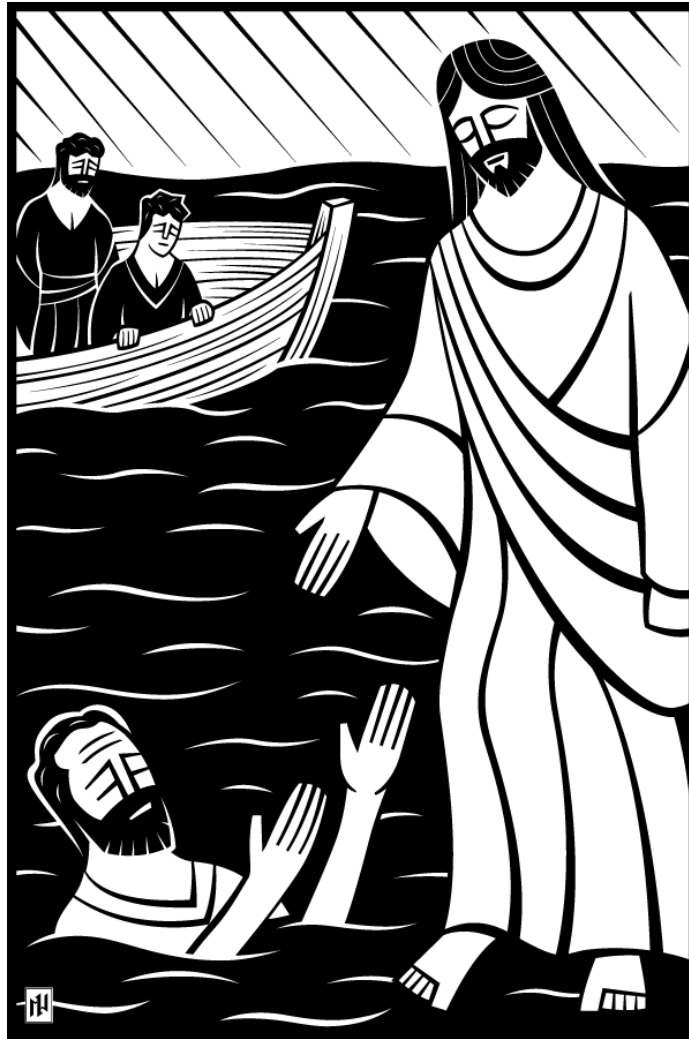


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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**TODAY'S THREAD:** *Faith in your faith does not save. Saving faith trusts the Savior-Jesus.*

### OPENING HYMN

Be Still, My Soul | 415



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take  
3 Be still, my soul, though dear - est friends de - part  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
To guide the fu - ture as he has the past.  
And all is dark - ened in the vale of tears;  
When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;  
Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;  
Then you will bet - ter know his love, his heart,  
When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.  
All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears.  
Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.  
From his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** Amen.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### SONG OF PRAISE

### Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 278

*Te Deum*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial song An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Blest Re - deem - er, vir - gin's Son, O - ver death his  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
 bove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throng,  
 vic - t'ry claim - ing, Now as - cend - ed to his throne,  
 three we name you; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing With the Church in  
 Judge and king, his grace pro - claim - ing, O - pens heav'n to  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, Then, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 one ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 all his own. Praise and thanks to God a - lone!  
 bend the knee And con - fess the mys - ter - y.

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18 EHV

*Elijah plunged from the heights of Mt. Carmel's victory to the depths of despair over a death threat. Why? He expected a spectacular display of God's power to do what only the gospel can do.*

<sup>9</sup> [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

<sup>10</sup> He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."

<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

<sup>12</sup> After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice.

<sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

<sup>14</sup> He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. <sup>18</sup> But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him."

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

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Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

*Psalm tone*


I am always with you, O LORD;\*  
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,\*  
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?\*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,\*  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

**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.**

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*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## Romans 9:1-5 EHV

*What a heritage! A heritage of God's grace. But those who rely on their heritage instead of God's grace trust their pedigree, not God's promises. They are not God's people. Lord save us from this!*

<sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying—my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and continuous pain in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I almost wish that I myself could be cursed and separated from Christ in place of my brothers, my relatives according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> those who are Israelites. Theirs are the adoption as sons, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup> Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, came the Christ, who is God over all, eternally blessed. Amen.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**Hebrews 11:1**

**M:** Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 14:22-33 EHV**

*What rescued Peter and companions from the wind and waves? Was it their faith? No way! Their faith was weak! Jesus, abounding in grace and power, rescued them. He still rescues us. Trust him!*

**M:** The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 14

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. <sup>24</sup> By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, "It's a ghost!" <sup>27</sup> But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, "Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup> Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

**M:** This is the Gospel.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me. All my wants to him are known;  
 and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
 All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!  
 won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

**SERMON** – *See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING** – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:*

*Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, 200 E. Beidler Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PENTECOST**

**M:** O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C:** **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

**M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C:** **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

**M:** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**C:** **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

**M:** Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**C:** **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

**M:** Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**C:** **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

**M:** Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**C:** **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** ... Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C:** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strength-ened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
 The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink | 405**



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though  
 2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -  
 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When  
 4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor  
 5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble  
 neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of  
 tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,  
 heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean  
 life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,  
 grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,  
 knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,  
 can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,  
 heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,  
 And then, whate'er may come,  
 We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
 Of an eternal home.

*Silent prayer*

*Announcements after the close of Service*

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