



We Give Thanks Along with Peter

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Today's Focus: The life of the Apostle Peter gives us so much opportunity to thank God. Peter's life allows us to see God's forgiveness. Peter's life shows us God's patience. In short, we tend to see ourselves in Peter, so as we see God showing love to him, we're reminded that he shows it to us, too. This evening we focus on one event in Peter's life – when he walked on the water – and allow that event to lead us to see several things for which we give thanks to God. We pray that our worship this evening will properly prepare our hearts for a day of Thanksgiving to our gracious God.

Silent Prayer: Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices. Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way, with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. Amen.

THANKSGIVING EVE

Preacher: Pastor Thomas Kock

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WE COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

LITANY OF PRAISE, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

Congregation: His love endures forever.

M: Give thanks to the God of gods.

C: His love endures forever.

M: To him who alone does great wonders,

C: His love endures forever.

M: Who spread out the earth upon the waters,

C: His love endures forever.

M: With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

C: His love endures forever.

M: A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

C: "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field."

M: "The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them." Surely we people are "grass."

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. Cleanse us from our sins, and take away our guilt. Surely against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Forgive me, O God!

M: Take heart, children of God, for the LORD is good! He has forgiven all your sins! By the perfect life and innocent death of Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. May God fill your heart with gratitude for the new life which he has planted in you!

C: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His love endures forever!

THE SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

C: Amen.

M: To him who divided the Red Sea asunder and brought Israel through the midst of it,

C: His love endures forever.

M: To the One who freed us from our enemies,

C: His love endures forever.

M: To the One who gives food to every creature,

C: His love endures forever.

M: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

C: His love endures forever.

♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

WE THANK GOD FOR ...

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME ASSURANCE: Matthew 14:26-27

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HYMN

"On Eagles' Wings"

CW 440 st.1-2



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a-
2 Snares of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, And
bide in his shad-ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My
fam-ine will bring you no fear; Un-der his wings your
ref-uge, My rock in whom I trust!"
His faith-ful-ness your shield.

Refrain
And he will raise you up on ea-gles' wings, Bear you on the
breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And
hold you in the palm of his hand.

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT: Matthew 14:28-29

28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," he said.

HYMN

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart;— give thanks to the
Ho - ly One.— Give thanks— be-cause he's giv-en— Je - sus
Christ.— his Son. Son. And
now let the weak say "I am strong," let the
poor say "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has
done for— us. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," let the poor say "I am rich" be-cause of

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what the Lord has done for us.

⊕ Coda

us. Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PATIENT WITH ME: Matthew 14:30

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

HYMN

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

CW 609 st.1-2

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fath - ers; we bless you.

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring;
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been;

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,

We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
And with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.

THANK YOU FOR CATCHING ME: Matthew 14:31

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

CW 379 st.1-3

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares

That saved a wretch like me! I
His Word my hope se - cures. He
I have al - read - y come; 'Tis

once was lost but now am found,
will my shield and por - tion be
grace has brought me safe - thus far,

Was blind but now I see.
As long as life en - dures.
And grace will lead me home.

WE RESPOND WITH THANKS

THANK OFFERING

God has blessed us in so many ways. So today we will "write a thank you note" to God. The ushers will distribute notecards and pens. After a few moments, the ushers will direct us all to the altar, where we'll place our "thank you notes" into one of the offering plates. If you have an offering to give, bring that to the front as well.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: **Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: **Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: **Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

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.

THANK YOU FOR GETTING INTO THE BOAT WITH ME: Matthew 14:32

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

THE BLESSING

M: 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: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

CW 610



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
free us from all ills In this world and the next.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Service of Dedication for Our New Hymnal

On Sunday, November 28th, Atonement will kick off the new Church Year and the season of Advent with a special service of Word and Song as we dedicate the new *Christian Worship: Lutheran Hymnal* to service at Atonement and to God's glory. See you there!

Midweek Advent Meals & Services

Beginning Wednesday, December 1st, we are bringing back fellowship suppers prior to our midweek Advent services. Join your Atonement family for **"Food for the Body and the Soul."** Please consider signing up in the gathering area to help with food preparations and serving.



Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation. The Church looks for the coming of her Savior in this threefold advent: His coming in the flesh; His return in judgment; His daily coming in Word and Sacrament. The Church encompasses all these facets of the season in the single word that defines Advent worship: "Come!" So... come! Be a part of Advent worship.

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