

AUGUST 13, 2017
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus has the power to help and to save.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	Job 38:1-11	God halts the waves
Tuesday	Psalms 107:23-32	He stilled the storm
Wednesday	Matthew 8:23-27	Jesus stills the storm
Thursday	Genesis 7:11–8:5	Noah saved from the flood
Friday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Saturday	Psalms 85	A prayer for peace
Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

At once, Jesus said to them, "Don't worry! I am Jesus. Don't be afraid."
Matthew 14:27 (CEV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please take hold of us when we are afraid. Keep us from taking our eyes off you.
Amen. (Matthew 14:29-31)

Mealtime Prayer:

You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we plea. Thank you for your care this day;
lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus take hold of you when you are afraid. May he give you faith to trust in him.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
Day by Day



CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Talk about a time when you found yourself out of your "comfort zone" or "sinking." How did you feel?
- Matthew 14:29-30 tells us that Peter stepped out of a boat to walk on water, but he soon became scared because of the wind and waves. What are some "winds" or "waves" in your life at the moment?
- How does Jesus help us when we are in trouble? In what ways has he calmed the "winds" or "waves" of your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 14:31.

Peter was sinking, but Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. In your home devotional times this week, reflect on or discuss your fears or concerns. Then say these words:

"Take courage. Jesus is with you. Do not be afraid."

Give your worries to Jesus in prayer.

SERVICE



Romans 10:15 states, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Although this text is often associated with preachers and missionaries, it also can be directed to anyone who has blessed another with the message of the gospel. Think about someone who has shared the good news of Jesus Christ with you. Send that person a note of thanks and include the words of Romans 10:15.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtimes are special opportunities to reflect about one's life in prayer. This week, pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night and calm any "storms" that may be experienced by you and your loved ones. Make Psalm 85:8 part of your nighttime prayer:

"I will listen to you, Lord God, because you promise peace to those who are faithful."

