

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4–18

⁴ [The LORD said to Job:]

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be

stayed?”

¹² “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³ that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶ “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep

darkness?

¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.”

Epistle: Romans 10:5–17

⁵ Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But 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); ⁹because, 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.

¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But 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? ¹⁵And 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!”

¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter 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 and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

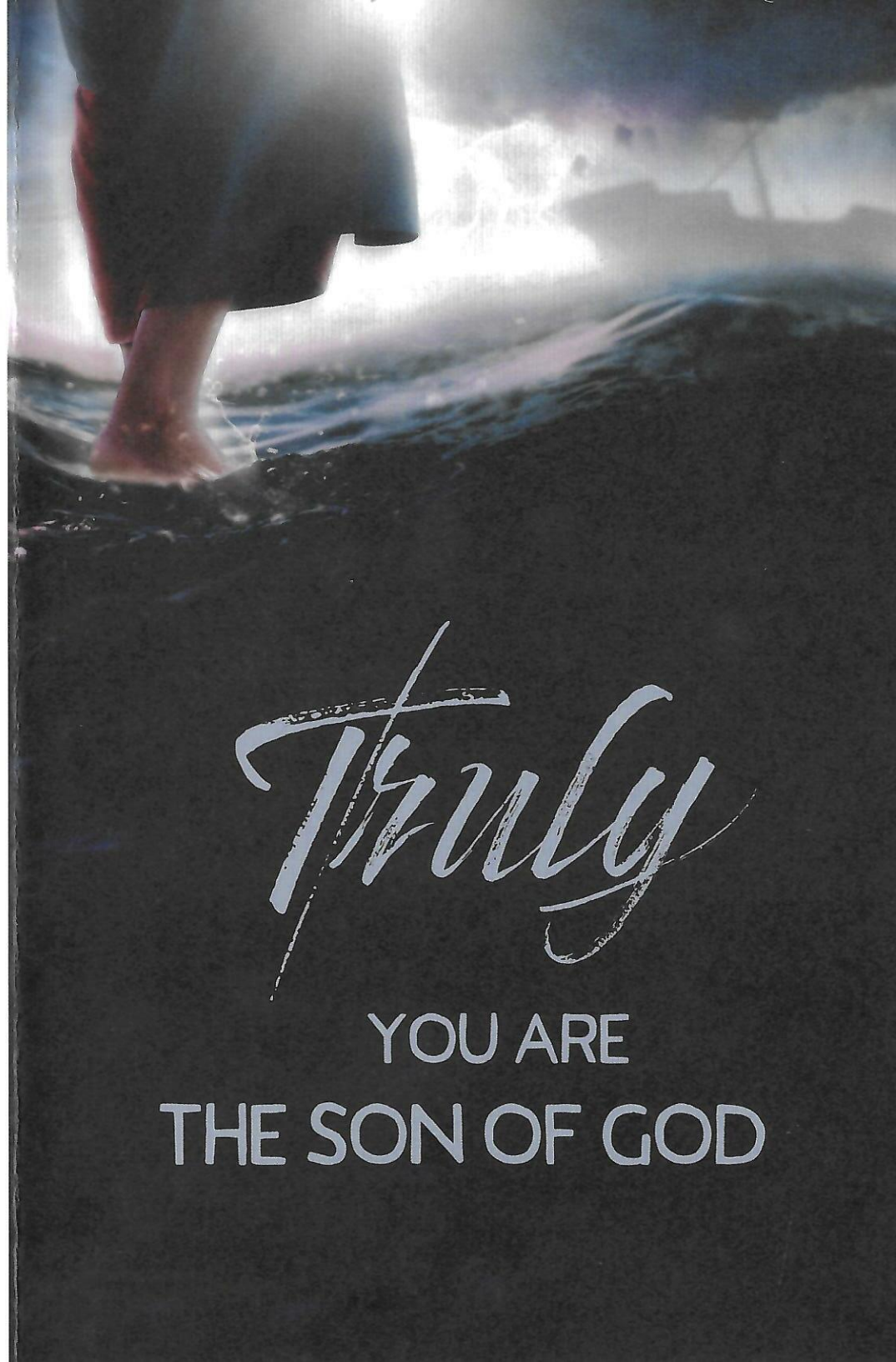
³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”

³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

About the Cover: Jesus showed His divinity as the one who “trampled the waves of the sea” (Job 9:8). He also showed His mercy by calling out, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27). Jesus, God in the flesh, was full of mercy toward Peter and the disciples. The Son of God is also full of mercy toward us. He showed it to us through His cross. We need not fear nor be afraid because the same Lord who said, “It is I,” is present in His Word.



Pentecost



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Hymn . . . “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #802
Invocation

SEASON OF PENTECOST RESPONSIVE

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go to the house of the Lord!
Unless the Lord builds the house,
In vain do the builders labor.

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go to the house of the Lord!
Surely the Lord is in this place.
This is the house of God, this is the gate of heaven!
Oh, come let us worship!
Oh, come let us worship! Amen!

Confession & Forgiveness

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God the Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
And You will forgive the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and we have sinned against You by

thought, word and deed. Wherefor we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord unto us all.

Amen.

Kyrie – “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy”

Gloria In Excelsis . . . p. 187 LSB

Collect of the Day

Psalm of the Day . . . PSALM 18:1-16

The Lessons

The Gospel

The Apostles Creed p. 192 LSB

Hymn . . . “How Great Thou Art” LSB #801

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of God’s People

The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn “The God of Abraham Praise” LSB #798 (1-4)

Announcements

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Title _____

Texts _____

Main Ideas / Thoughts _____

I Want to Remember _____

What Response Does God Want? _____
