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**WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF WORD & PRAYER**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Lent**

**12:10pm on March 18, 2026**

## **Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith**

THEME VERSE: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

### Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

**C Almighty God, you call us to trust you and to walk by faith, even though we cannot see what lies ahead. Yet we fail to place our trust in you in times of trouble. With sinful pride, we would rather place our faith in our own abilities. We often fail to trust the guidance and truth of your holy Word. We fail to trust your promises. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.**

P God has had mercy on us. He never fails us, and he kept his promise to send his Son to be our Savior. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for us, and our sins are washed away in his blood. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C Lord, lead us each day to walk by faith and to trust you in all things.**

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

P Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Homily

### Prayers

*Concluding with:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through our Savior Jesus Christ. C **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Benediction & Dismissal

P For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

C **That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

P For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

C **But in order that the world might be saved through him.**

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall directly after the worship service.*

**Presiding Minister: Pastor Karin Pejack**

**Minister of Technology: Catherine Germann**

**Hospitality: Eileen Marks**

### **WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm Service & Lunch Fellowship**

**12:10pm Service of Word & Prayer (in-person & online)**

**Service of Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**

**12:35pm Lunch Fellowship (in-person only)**

**LENTEN Worship Series: “Dying His Death, Living His Life”**

*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we also live with him. – Romans 6:8*

February 25, Lent 1:	Dying to Sin, Living in Forgiveness
March 4, Lent 2:	Dying to Pride, Living for Others (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. COMMUNION)
March 11, Lent 3:	Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven
March 18, Lent 4:	Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith
March 25, Lent 5:	Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace
April 1, Holy Wednesday:	Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. COMMUNION)
April 2, Maundy Thursday:	Remember His Death (Maundy Thursday Communion)
April 3, Good Friday:	He Died For All (Tenebrae Service)

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**PARKING for WEDNESDAYS: 12:10pm WOW Services:**

***Please enter at the chapel doors on 4th Street. An outdoor sign will mark the appropriate doorway. There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day on a weekday, so please plan to pay for parking if you park on the street. Speak with pastor about parking options for regular WOW attenders.***

**ADDITIONAL PRAYER RESOURCES**

**Invocation and Call to Worship**

P The disciple Peter walked on the Sea of Galilee, looking to Jesus. But as Peter saw the storm and waves, he began to sink. Jesus reached out to him and said, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matthew 14:31).

**C Lord, teach us to look to you in faith and to trust in your ever-present care.**

P God invites us to come to him in prayer and to present our petitions without doubting his ability and willingness to help us: “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind” (James 1:5-6).

**C Lord, we know that you hear and answer our prayers. Lead us to come to you in faith.**

P After his resurrection, Thomas demanded proof that Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus invited Thomas to see and touch the scars in his hands and side, and said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29).

**C Lord, we have seen you revealed in the Word, and we believe.**

P “So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:6-7).

**C Lord, guide us as we walk by faith until the day we see you face to face.**

Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus, when your disciple Peter walked on the water, he grew frightened when he saw the waves and felt the strong wind. He began to sink, but you reached out and raised him up, leading him to safety. When we are weak, raise us up, and lead us in the power of the Holy Spirit to place our trust in you. Strengthen our faith through the gifts of your holy Word and your body and blood in the Sacrament. When we stumble in faith and wander from your ways, call us to repentance, forgive our sins and help us to grow in grace and faith. Hear our prayers, dear Savior. **C Amen.**

Prayers

P Lord Jesus, the waves of trouble and sorrow in this world sometimes cause us to doubt your presence and your care. When we call on you in prayer, as Peter did, have mercy and come quickly to help us. Raise us up and grant to us the peace that only you can give. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C Lord, increase our faith!**

P Lord Jesus, we know that you work through the troubles we experience to make us strong in faith. Encourage us with the promises of your Word. Do not let us look to the storms and waves of trouble that surround us, but teach us to keep our focus on you, dear Savior. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C Lord, increase our faith!**

P Lord Jesus, help those who struggle with sorrow, grief, fear and illness, those we name now and those we name in our hearts (*name those known to be sick or in the hospital*). Comfort them with the promises of your Word, and fill them with the peace that you alone can bring. Give us opportunities to bring to them help and encouragement in your name. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C Lord, increase our faith!**

P Lord Jesus, you have called us to trust you with all our hearts. Keep us from relying instead on our own understanding. We want to trust you in all of the circumstances of our lives, in days of blessing and in times of sorrow. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C Lord, increase our faith!**

P Lord Jesus, as we trust in you for the gift of salvation, for our eternal life, lead us with the help of the Holy Spirit to trust in you each day in this life, too. We pray that our faith will be a witness to others of your unfailing love. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C Lord, increase our faith! Amen.**