

## First Reading

*Acts 11:27–12:5*

<sup>27</sup>Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup>So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup>And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

<sup>1</sup>About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He killed James the brother of John with the sword, <sup>3</sup>and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup>And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. <sup>5</sup>So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

## Epistle

*Romans 8:28–39*

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is

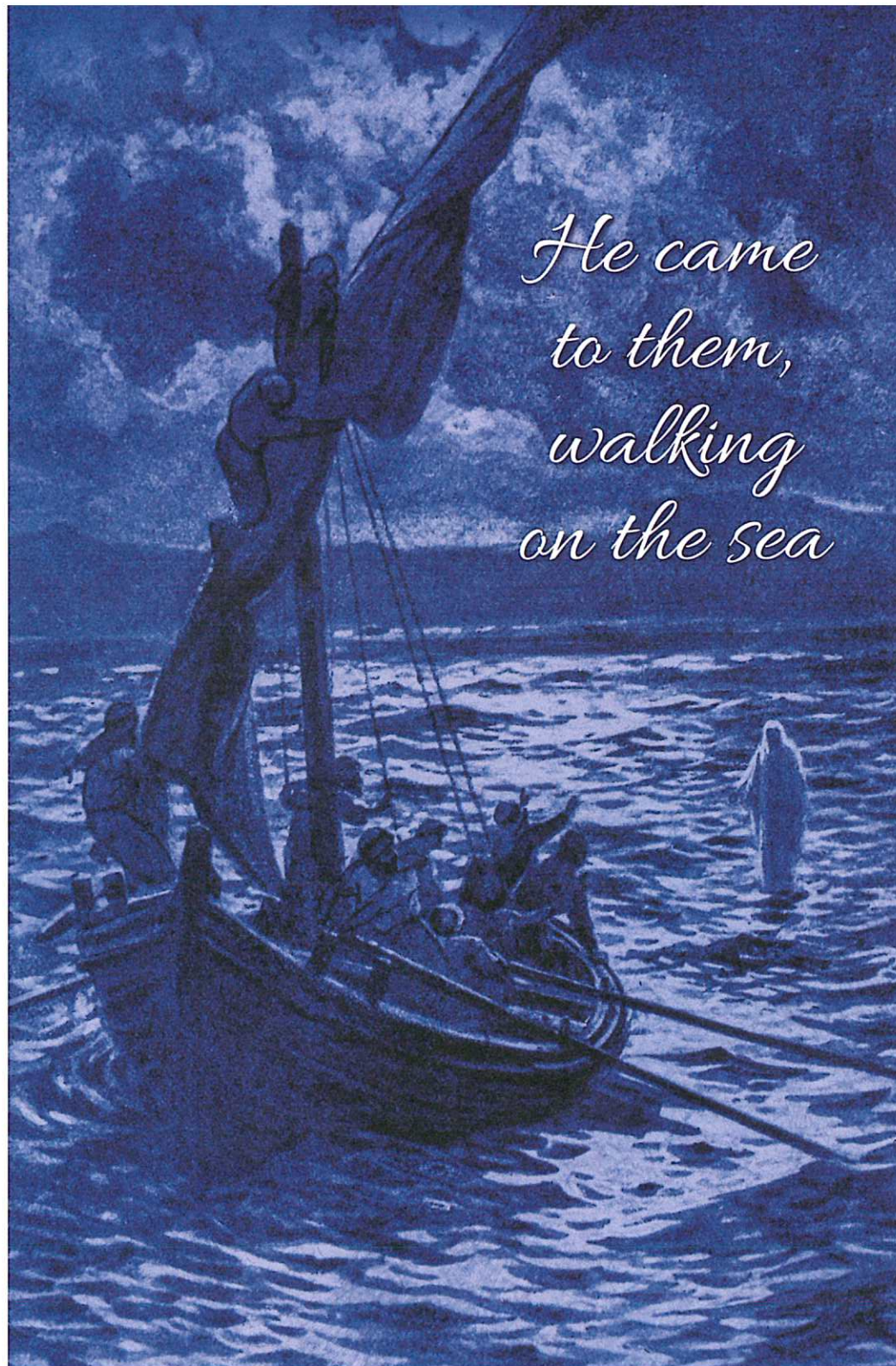
interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 10:35–45*

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

*He came  
to them,  
walking  
on the sea*



**About the Cover:** A figure walking on the waters during a difficult night at sea is a terrifying sight for the disciples. But Jesus reveals Himself, telling the disciples not to be afraid. Jesus gives them insight into His divine nature. He treads upon the waves, commands all of creation, and intends to pass by (see Job 9:1–12). This Jesus, who gets into the boat, is God in the flesh. This Jesus is also our Savior, who has complete control of our eternal lives, won on the cross.

# 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21 & 25, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 813, 518, 748, 805, 661  
Sermon: "Pilgrim's Progress"  
Mark 10:35-45

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 7/14 (Wed.): 34	Comm.: 32	Offering: \$587.00
Attendance 7/18 (Sun): 34	Comm.: 24	Offering: \$1,254.08
Budget Needs: \$3,541		Scrip Profit 7/18: \$43.13
Church Roof Fund: \$1,390.00		

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (7/28) 7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.  
SUN (8/1) 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Dave Kamps who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery.

**ST LUKE'S ANNUAL CAMPFIRE CHURCH SERVICE & POTLUCK** – Saturday, July 31 - Potluck Dinner: 4:30-6:30 p.m. - Campfire Service: 7-8 p.m.

**"RAISE THE ROOF"** – The church roof has been reshingled by Overhead Solutions. The work has been done, but we have more funds to raise. *We're almost there!* Consider donating one or a few bundles of shingles. A bundle is \$105.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – *They're Coming Back!* The Garms Family will be with us on Sunday, August 22.

**LUWISOMO FAMILY DAY – SATURDAY AUGUST 14, 2021** - This year a simpler "afternoon outing" version of our annual LuWiSoMo Family Day is planned, including the annual **Chicken Dinner** (Noon – until gone), followed by **Bingo** for all ages in the air-conditioned Dining Hall (1:00-3:00 pm) and some fun outdoor **Games and Activities** for all ages (1:00-4:00 pm). We'll end our afternoon together with a camp style **Worship & Thanksgiving to God**, for all He has done and continues to do with His ministry here at LuWiSoMo (4:00-4:45 pm in the Chapel). For those staying overnight, join the fun at the traditional sing-along campfire later Saturday evening at the Campground Worship Bowl. Fireworks are not scheduled for this year. To help us plan for the Chicken Dinner, not knowing how many to expect as we start to come back after COVID, your quick RSVP is appreciated.

**PRODUCE TABLE** – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Romans 8:16** – "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." Children are called to grow up into the image of their Father. That's the basis not only of our generosity but of our entire life of Christian living. God sets the pattern, and we follow. God is kind to us in Christ, and so we desire to be kind. God is loving to us in Christ, and so we desire to love. God is generous and open-handed to us in Christ, and so we desire to be generous and open-handed.

Walk with *Jesus*