

August 13, 2023

Please stand for the Reading of the Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33  
(ESV)

### **Jesus Walks on the Water**

**22** Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23** And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, **24** but the boat by this time was a long way<sup>[a]</sup> from the land,<sup>[b]</sup> beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. **25** And in the fourth watch of the night<sup>[c]</sup> he came to them, walking on the sea. **26** 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. **27** But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

**28** And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **29** He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind,<sup>[d]</sup> he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." **31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God....

A: Thanks be to God

Will you continue to stand as you are able for our second hymn:

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand #474