

Before Kid's Talk - Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'

'Come,' he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Before Sermon - Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 & 45b

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.

Let the whole world know what he has done.

Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.

Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.

Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord.

Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him.

Remember the wonders he has performed,

his miracles, and the rulings he has given,
you children of his servant Abraham,

you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He called for a famine on the land of Canaan, cutting off its food supply.

Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them - Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar.

Until the time came to fulfil his dreams, the Lord tested Joseph's character.

Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free;

the ruler of the nation opened his prison door.

Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household;

he became ruler over all the king's possessions.

He could instruct the king's aides as he pleased and teach the king's advisers.

Praise the Lord!