



Midweek Meditation



“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.” Matthew 14:29-31

Peter was in the water with Jesus. And he began to sink beneath the waves. He did what you and I do every day – he took his eyes off Jesus. He worried about the storm around him. We do that. We take our eyes off Christ. We think that a glance, now and then, is good enough. But the storms are always around us. Your troubles will never leave you alone. And they will pull you down into the depths – and like Peter, you and I are helpless to prevent it.

But Jesus is in the water with you. As He reached out His hand to Peter, so in Holy Baptism He joins Himself to you – and He will not let you fall. The storm of God’s judgment cannot hurt you, for Jesus was swallowed up by that storm on the cross for you. To fix your eyes on Jesus means to go to, and remember, your baptism daily – remember who you are: a forgiven child of God for Jesus’ sake; remember that your God will never leave you nor forsake you. His arm is stronger than all your troubles.

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life’s way. Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day. Without Your grace and favor I go astray. So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way. Amen.