

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

August 9, 2020

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33



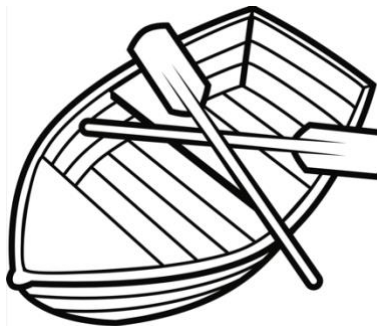
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Hello friends! I love a good rainstorm. One of my favorite things to do, since I was little, is to go out on the front porch and watch the rain. I love the way it sounds, the way it smells, the way it feels. Now a rainstorm is very different from a hurricane. Those can be kind of scary and do quite a bit of damage. It's really not very smart to be outside in those! Can you imagine being on a boat during a hurricane?!

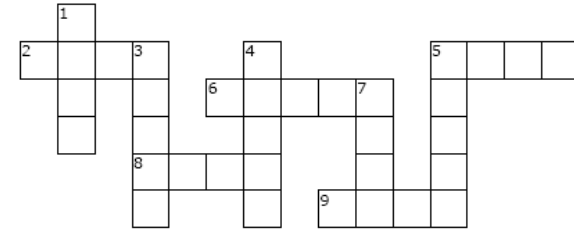
Our Gospel lesson from Matthew tells us a story of Jesus' friend, Peter on a boat...during a very BIG windstorm!! Do you think Peter was scared? You bet he was! Jesus had sent the disciples out in the boat while he went up the mountain to pray. When morning came, Jesus walked on the sea towards the boat and this frightened the disciples as they did not know it was Jesus until he spoke to them. Jesus told his friends not to be afraid, it's me, not a ghost! Jesus called to his friend Peter to walk towards him on the water, but a strong wind came up behind Peter and he began to sink because he doubted what Jesus had called him to do. Jesus caught him and then calmed the wind. How cool is that! Walking on water and calming the wind?!

Jesus is a miracle maker. He can calm all of the storms in our lives if we put our faith in believing that he can. Nothing is too big for Jesus to handle so we have nothing to fear. With Jesus by our side, we can do all that we've been called to do for the sake of the world.

Mighty God, help us to trust that if you've called us to it, you will help us through it. Amen.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. The natural movement of air
5. To travel along on your feet
6. Moving swells on the surface of the sea
8. A small vessel for travel on water
9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger

DOWN

1. To go downward in water
3. A lack of confidence or belief in God
4. A firm belief in God
5. A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain
7. To rescue someone

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| FEAR | FAITH | DOUBT | WAVES | WATER |
| SAVE | WIND | BOAT | WALK | SINK |

Activity: This week, have a boat race! Make a few boats out of different materials, place them in the bathtub or a pool to see who can make the best/fastest boat! Use this website for inspiration: inspirationlaboratories.com/how-to-build-a-boat

Discussion Question Talk about a time when you needed to be reminded about how awesome our God is.

Family Table Prayer for August:

The air we breathe is precious
As are all people in Your sight
Make us one with each other
United in heart and mind. Amen.

August Memory Verse: How very good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Psalm 133:1



Jesus Walks on Water

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