

August 6, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of LUMC,

Greetings of grace and peace to each of you. I pray that this week finds you doing well.

Our “at home” worship materials for this Sunday focus on another passage from Matthew’s gospel, this one concerning Jesus’ walking on water and then Peter’s less successful attempt to do so. Is Jesus really challenging Peter’s faith or could it be something else? Our look at this familiar reading will help us see the difference and consider how Jesus might challenge us.

We continue to remember our joys and concerns before our God of healing and wholeness. We rejoice that Lola Carlson’s back surgery went well last week and that she is at home and recuperating. Please pray that that time goes well with less pain each day. As of this mailing, Marie Russell is scheduled to return to her home today. We pray that goes well as she makes this transition. May God’s strength and presence be with all for whom we are in prayer. We pray as always for those battling Covid-19 and the families of those who have lost their loved ones to this pandemic. And, again this week and maybe this is many of us, we pray for those who are weary from “fighting the good fight” in these challenging times and long for a return to “normal.”

Please continue to stay strong in God’s promise spoken by the prophet Isaiah, “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you.” - Isaiah 41.10.

May God continue to bless us all. Be well.



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God’s blessings,

*Pastor Elizabeth*