



You're Not The Boss Of Me!

A Sermon Series

Lent 2021

St. John Lutheran Church, Bellville, Texas

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Lent 3 "Fear Didn't Do That"

Holy Communion

GATHERING ~ WE PREPARE AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

BELL

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are **✝** forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

* GATHERING SONG

“Good Good Father”

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide

**Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word** Chorus

Bridge
**You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us**

Verse 3
**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love** Chorus

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* OPENING PRAYER

[WORD ~ WE HEAR FROM GOD](#)

THE READING

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble

³and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;

²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.

²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;

²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;

²⁹he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

³⁰Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.

³¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

L The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

* GOSPEL

Matthew 8: 23-27

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

P This is the Gospel of our Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *(a moment of silence follows....)*

* SONG OF THE DAY

"Oceans (Where My Feet May Fail)

Verse 1

**You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand**

Chorus 1

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine**

Verse 2

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now**

Chorus

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine**

Interlude

Oh and You are mine oh

Bridge

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour**

Interlude

**Yeah yeah yeah yeah
Oh Jesus yeah my God**

Chorus

**I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine**

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*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose

again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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* OFFERTORY “Come to the Table”

**Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

* COMMUNION PRAYER

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* THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

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Holy Communion is also known as the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist. The bread of this special meal is identified by Jesus as his body, given to reunite us with God. The cup (with wine or grape juice) he identifies as his blood, shed for our forgiveness, to give God’s grace and life. As a sacrament (sacred act) of the Christian Church, it is open to, and to be received by, all Christians who desire God’s assurance and the strengthening of their faith.

SENDING~WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

* SENDING SONG

"Thank You God for Saving Me"

Verse 1

**What can I give to You
What can I offer to a King
For all the love You've shown
For all Your mercy over me**

Chorus

**I called Your name You heard my cry
Out of the grave and into life
My heart is Yours my soul is free
Thank You God for saving me
Thank You God for saving me
(Thank You God for saving me)**

Verse 2

**The Rock of Salvation
My hope is built on nothing less
Morning by morning
How great is Your faithfulness**

Chorus

Bridge

**You gave Your life upon the cross
You suffered once for all
You made a way
Jesus in victory You rose
You made us all Your own**

Now we are saved
(REPEAT)
Thank You God for saving me

Thank You God for saving me
Thank You God for saving me for saving me Chorus

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