

**Didache Divine Service**  
**Session 25—The Lord’s Prayer**  
**The Stilling of the Storm—Mark 4:35-41**  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2023

1. Invocation and Prayer

2. Hymn: “Hear Us, Father, When We Pray” LSB 773

3. **The Bible Reading: The Stilling of the Storm—Mark 4:35-41**

On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup> Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

<sup>39</sup> Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace,<sup>[g]</sup> be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How<sup>[h]</sup> is it that you have no faith?” <sup>41</sup> And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

**Questions:**

Why did the disciples wake Jesus?

What did the disciples believe when their boat was in danger?

What did the disciples accuse Jesus of?

What motivated Jesus to rebuke the wind and sea with the words, “Peace, be still!”

What motivates God to hear and answer prayer?

- Bible reading chosen because of the disciples **“prayer of despair”** and accusation against the Lord, **“Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”**
- **False teachings about this miracle:**
  - “If you have enough faith, God will answer your prayers and still the storms of life.” – Problem: We don’t “have enough faith” – the disciples were in despair.
  - “the stormy sea” represents the problems of sickness, famine, pestilence, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc. – Problem: “fixing” sickness, famine, pestilence and other hardship on “our terms” does not address the problem of faith, our need for salvation, or the judgment of God’s Law against us.
- **Biblical imagery** helps us understand the truth:
  - “Raging Seas” are a symbol of God’s judgment against sin and unbelief: the Great Flood, the Crossing of the Red Sea, the Story of Jonah
  - “Drowning” signifies the spiritual death of the unbelieving nature.
  - “Peace, be still!” or literally, “SILENCE” to the wind and the waves signifies out the Word of the Gospel (Christ’s absolution) SILENCES the judgment of the Law and the accusations of Satan to give us the “Peace of God.”

- The “**strength of faith**” is in the **object of faith: Christ**, and His gift of salvation. Fear is a byproduct of unbelief. “How is it that you have no faith [in ME], the One who gives you salvation from sin, death, and the judgment of the Law?”
- The disciple’s “**prayer**” was filled with more **doubt**, despair, and unbelief than it was filled with confidence in the Lord.
- The Lord acted **NOT because they believed in Him**, but because He is the Savior who loved them (and us) in His death upon the cross.
- “**Peace be still! Silence**” [to the wind and the waves] is an **absolution**.
- We pray “lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil” **in the confidence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ**.

#### 4. The Catechism in Detail: Sixth and Seventh Petitions and Conclusion to the Lord’s Prayer

*What is the Sixth Petition?*

**And lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?*

God tempts no one.

We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

*What is the Seventh Petition?*

**But deliver us from evil**

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

*What is the Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer? (Based on David's Prayer, 1 Chronicles 29:11)*

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*What is meant by the word “Amen”?*

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven,

and are heard by Him;

for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way

and has promised to hear us.

Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

5. Hymn: “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” – LSB 766 (Stanzas 1, 7-9)

6. The Holy Communion Liturgy

7. Hymn: “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven” LSB 877