



TOGETHER IN FAITH

We extend a warm welcome to everyone to worship today

'We are God's people: unconditionally loved by God. Following our calling, we seek to reflect God's love everywhere, in all that we are and in all that we do'

Lectionary Readings for Pentecost 11A, 2026 Aug 9

Theme: "Lord save me."

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 "he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father." (v.22)

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b "The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free." (v.20)

Romans 10:5-15 "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (v.13)

Matthew 14:22-33 "...and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (v.30)

Today's gospel reading tells us another miracle story that often makes us miss the key message, because, like last Sunday's feeding 5000 story, we only focus on the miraculous phenomena instead of the real message of the story. I believe the key message of this story is also not walking on the water, but Peter's connection with Jesus. Often our eyes find more of the exciting and extraordinary events, but in this Peter's walking on the water story, I believe the more important story is Peter's connection with Jesus.

When Peter's eyes were fixed on Jesus who said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." (v.27) Peter asked, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." As he followed Jesus command "Come." He started walking on the water, but when he noticed 'the strong wind', he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out "Lord save me."

In other lectionary readings, I also find this word "Save" or in other words, "Rescue." In Genesis 37, when Joseph's brothers discussing to kill him, Reuben suggested "let's not kill him" so that he might "rescue" Joseph later, and Judah suggested "let us sell him" to the merchant to Egypt. Often God's salvation comes in stages, but if we rely on our own interest, we could fall into the same mistake like Joseph's brothers.

Psalms 105 also recollecting Joseph's story in Egypt when he was falsely accused and arrested. After interpreting the dreams of fellow prisoners, "the ruler of the peoples set him free." In this story, the most important part was the relationship and connection with God was always there with Joseph.

Romans tells us "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (v.13) if we have relationship with the Lord and firmly connecting our eyes to the Lord, instead of looking at the strong wind, we will be saved. (Even if we could not walk on the water.)

Questions:

1. When do you pray to God, "Lord, save me."?
2. What are the strong winds around us that makes us worry or doubt?

Next week: Pentecost 12A, 2026 August 16

Genesis 45:1-15, Psalms 133, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28



Worship Services Today

Wangaratta 9.30am
Rev. Hoon You

Wangaratta 5.00pm
Suzie don Leonard

Greta/Moyhu 10.00pm
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Leave a message

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Online Giving

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*Short Notices for the weekly
bulletin can be emailed to Christina
by 4pm Wednesday*

News

Office phone line issues - Apologies to anyone who has tried to call the church office in the last week. We have been experiencing phonline and internet problems which is currently being rectified. The office phone line is being reconnected on Tuesday 11 August. If you have tried to call, or left a voicemail in the last week, please try calling the office again on Tuesday afternoon or send Christina an email at wangaratta@victas.uca.org.au

Church Council Elections will be held on the fifth Sunday - **August 30**. Please pray for the renominated councillors and newly nominated councillors.

Prayer cards are available on the table and also use "Try Praying" booklet to pray and searching God.

The Church Council Executive team will meet on Tuesday 11th August at 3pm

The Property & Finance team will meet on Tuesday 11 August at 5.30pm



Singing Group at Illoura is held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10.30am

Wangaratta Cluster Calendar

Monday 10 August
Mainly Music

Tuesday 11 August
Church Council Executive - 3pm

Tuesday 11 August
Property & Finance - 5.30pm

Wednesday 12 August
Rangeview Service - 11am

Thursday 13 August
Staff team meeting - 9.30am

Tuesday 18 August
Pastoral Care Committee - 4pm

Tuesday 18 August
Church Council meeting - 5.30pm

Wednesday 19 August
St John Service - 11am

Thursday 20 August
Illoura Service - 11am

Saturday 29 August
Church Knitting Group - 9am

Rosters for Sunday Worship

Wangaratta 9.30am	9 August	16 August	23 August
Worship Leader	Rev. Hoon You	Rev. Hoon You	Colin Thomson
Musician	L Johnson	H Miles	J & H van Reit
Vestry	G Blanch	H James	C Thomson
Welcome and Offering	E Lovett	W Toppin	R & D Chapman
Bible Reader	F Smith	K Craig	R Barnard
Morning Tea	G & J Kerr	R Barnard & ?	J McGregor & S don Leonard
5 pm	S don Leonard	Wendie Wilkie HC	Helen van Riet
Eldorado 10am	No Service	Rev. Hoon You 2pm	No Service
Greta/Moyhu 10am	H & J van Riet	No Service	Rev. Hoon You HC

*Also helps with Vestry for HC

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty, please arrange to swap with someone else. A heartfelt thanks to you all - our priceless volunteers!