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Instead of living a life rooted in peace, charity, compassion and contentment, we live with loss.

We have lost love. | We have lost hope.

We have lost faith. | We have lost mothers and fathers.

We have lost children. | We have lost husbands and wives.

We have lost work. | We have lost health.

We have lost trust and security.

We have lost the dream of how our lives were supposed to be.

But, we know that Your steadfast love is offered despite our sinfulness.

We believe, Lord Jesus, that Your life, death, and resurrection open for us a better way to live – with clean hands and pure hearts.

We believe, Holy Spirit, that by Your presence and power we are renewed in faith and life. Before you, O God, we stand, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Most holy and most loving God, by Your Spirit unclutter our hearts and minds, and enlarge within us an honored place for Christ. Expose our choices and activities that hinder Your work in our hearts. When discipleship proves costly, help us to embrace sacrifice as readily as we accept our many blessings. Amen.

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#### Gospel – Mark 4:35-41

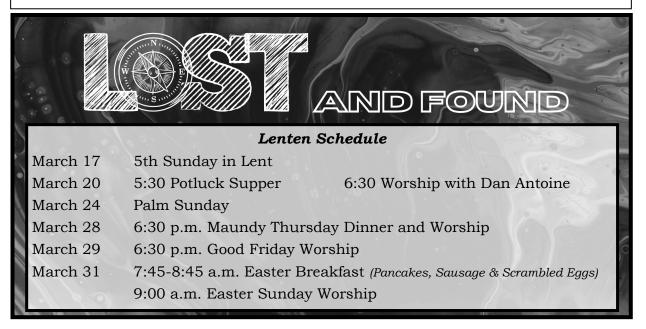
<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" <sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" <sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

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