



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

# Faith Lutheran Church

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*Adult Bible Study at 9:00am*

*Children's Sunday School at 9:00am*

*Worship Service at 10:00am*

**February 26, 2023**

*First Sunday in Lent*

**Welcome & Greeting**

*Pastor Kirk Triplett*

**Announcements**

## ***Call to Worship: Psalm 27:4-6***

*One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all round me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.*

*Caller: Come let us worship the Lord!*

***Congregation: Let us praise the Lord in this place!***

*Caller: The Lord be with you.*

***Congregation: And also with you.***

*Caller: Lift up your hearts.*

***Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.***

*Caller: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

## **Invocation**

*(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen**

## **Confession**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

**Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(1 John 1:9)*

## ***Time for Reflection***

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**All: To God alone, the only wise God. We call upon your mercy and your grace for we are a people in great need. We are prone to wander and need your forgiveness to keep us in a right relationship with you. Forgive us for our selfishness and for loving the things of this world above you. Cleanse us from our sin and remind us that our lives are found in you. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

*(Psalm 103:8-12; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)*

*Greet one another in the peace of the lord.*

## **Opening Song**

*(Ephesians 4:19-20; 5:19, Colossians 3:16)*

### **“The Battle Belongs to You”**

#### **Verse 1**

When all I see is the battle You see my victory  
When all I see is the mountain You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You

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## **CHORUS**

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You

## **Verse 2**

And if You are for me who can be against me  
For Jesus there's nothing impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross You see the empty tomb

## **CHORUS**

## **BRIDGE**

Almighty Fortress You go before us  
Nothing can stand against the power of our God  
You shine in the shadows You win every battle  
Nothing can stand against the power of our God (3x's)

## **CHORUS**

## **Song "Victory in Jesus"**

### **Verse 1**

I heard an old old story how a Savior came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning of His precious blood's atoning  
So I repented of my sin and He gave me victory

## **CHORUS**

Oh victory in Jesus my Savior forever  
He sought me and He bought me with His redeeming blood  
He loved me e'er I knew Him and all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

### **Verse 2**

I heard about His healing of His cleansing power revealing  
How He made the lame to walk again and He caused the blind to see  
And then I cried dear Jesus come and heal my broken spirit  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory

## **CHORUS**

### **Verse 3**

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea  
About the angels singing and the old redemption story  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory

### **CHORUS**

Oh victory in Jesus my Savior forever  
He sought me and He bought me with His redeeming blood  
He loved me e'er I knew Him and all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

### **Apostle's Creed**

*(1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:14)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### **The Word of God**

*(2 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 3:16)*

#### **First Reading      Genesis 3:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and

that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading      Romans 5:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup> For as by the

one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## **Song        "Leaning"**

### **Verse 1**

Let my yes be yes to you, oh, Lord  
Let my no be no to things of this world  
If I rise or fall if I stand at all  
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

### **CHORUS**

What a fellowship what a joy divine what a priceless gift  
God, I'm Yours and You are mine  
Let my restless soul be still and know  
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

### **Verse 2**

From the morning sun and mercies new  
To the evening stars every promise is true  
As I walk this world I'm helped by You  
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms    **(CHORUS)**

### **BRIDGE**

The more I'm leaning the more I'm learning  
Feels less like dying more like living for Heaven on Earth  
The more I'm leaning the more I'm learning  
Feels less like dying more like living for Heaven on Earth  
For heaven on earth    **(CHORUS)**

## **Song        "Same God"**

### **Verse 1**

I'm calling on the God of Jacob  
Whose love endures through generations  
I know that You will keep Your covenant  
I'm calling on the God of Moses  
The one who opened up the ocean  
I need You now to do the same thing for me

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## **CHORUS**

O God my God I need You  
O God my God I need You now  
How I need You now  
O Rock O Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness  
On Your faithfulness

## **Verse 2**

I'm calling on the God of Mary  
Whose favor rests upon the lowly  
I know with You all things are possible  
I'm calling on the God of David  
Who made a shepherd boy courageous  
I may not face Goliath but I've got my own giants **(CHORUS)**

## **End**

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit  
Almighty River come and fill me again

## **Gospel Reading      Matthew 4:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' And "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

(2 Timothy 3:16, 4:2; Acts 2:42)

### Sermon Title

“The Word on Victory”

*Pastor Kirk Triplett*

## We Return to God from What He Has Entrusted to Us

*The gathering of our offerings and prayers*

### Song “Hymn of the Holy Spirit”

#### Verse 1

Holy Spirit, guide my vision  
Help me see the way You see  
Always Jesus, ever Jesus  
Christ in all as Christ in me

#### Verse 2

Holy Spirit, guide my speaking  
Words of grace and truth abound  
Let my lips be filled with stories  
Of the mercy that I've found

#### CHORUS

You're the light, You're my path  
You're the shepherd of my soul  
All I am, all I have  
Holy Spirit, lead me on

#### Verse 3

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing  
Wake my ears to words You speak  
In the thunder, in the stillness  
Let Your voice be clear to me  
Let Your voice be clear to me

#### CHORUS

#### Verse 4

Holy Spirit, lead me onward  
Walking through the great unknown  
Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging  
Till the day You lead me home

#### CHORUS

## Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation: Amen**

## Prayers of the Church

*(Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1)*

*After each petition:* Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

**Congregation: Hear our prayer**

### We Pray for:

- Phyllis - pneumonia
- Lara – cancer
- Nikki - cancer
- Bonnie – recovering from surgery
- Tom – recovering from surgery
- Bob – recovering from surgery
- Maria – heart issues
- Konnie - bedridden
- Mary (friend of Bonnie) – rehabilitation
- Wally (Tom’s Uncle) – stage 4 lung cancer
- Tenley (Doug’s Aunt) - battling cancer
- Hawthorne Middle School
- Our Nation and the World

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9)

**All: 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**

## Response of Thanksgiving

Pastor: For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge the Lord and he will direct your path.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Though man makes plans it is the Lord that directs his steps.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Closing Song "Always"

### Verse 1

I believe You gave sight to the blind I believe that the dead came to life  
I believe there were wonders and signs You're still the same

### Verse 2

I believe every word that You say I believe there are scars in Your hands  
That Your goodness is good without end and You'll never change

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## **CHORUS**

I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace  
The God of creation knows me by name  
The Lord is faithful Yesterday, now and always, always  
Your mercy is mighty, age after age  
And all generations will bow down and praise  
The Lord is faithful Yesterday, now and always, always

## **Verse 3**

I believe You will come in the clouds I believe You are here even now  
In Your presence I know there is power, power to save

## **CHORUS**

## **BRIDGE**

You were, You are You always will be God  
You were, You are You always will be God  
Yes, You always will be God **(Repeat)**

## **CHORUS**

## **Benediction**

*(Numbers 6:22; 2 Corinthians 13:14)*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to  
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His  
countenance upon you and give you peace.

**All: Amen**

## **Dismissal**

*(Romans 5:1; Romans 12:1)*

Pastor: Now go in peace, serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

