

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
The Church Is Sent to Trust God
January 22, 2023 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

The Reading of the Day is Acts 12:1-17. God has given His church the tools she needs to overcome adversity and stay focused on the Gospel task. Here we will see how the opposition to the Gospel is strong, severe even. And yet, the early church had access to resources—prayer, worship, fasting, and obedience—that are far more powerful than the most overreaching government. The church today has access to these same resources. Let us remember that our mission is marked not by ease, a lack of oppression, or even signs and wonders but by obedience and faithfulness to go into a hostile world and share the Gospel that changes lives.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “House of the Lord” J Smith | Wickham

Verse 1

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

Chorus

There’s joy in the house of the Lord
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won’t be quiet We shout out Your praise
There’s joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won’t be quiet We shout out Your praise

Interlude

We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God’s still rolling stones away

Chorus

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Bridge

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We were the prisoners Now we’re running free
We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace
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WELCOME and REGISTER ATTENDANCE

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: He made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

People: Then He forgave the guilt of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to You that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and plead for Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Most merciful God, You have given Your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of You and Your will, and make us obedient to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained Servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: "Stronger" Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

There is love that came for us Humbled to a sinners cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness You rose again victorious

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus

You are stronger, You are stronger Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen Jesus You are Lord of all

Verse 3

No beginning and no end You are my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost You paid it all upon the cross

Chorus

You are stronger, You are stronger Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen Jesus You are Lord of all

Bridge

So let Your name be lifted higher Be lifted higher, be lifted higher
So let Your name be lifted higher Be lifted higher, be lifted higher
So let Your name be lifted higher Be lifted higher, be lifted higher
So let Your name be lifted higher Be lifted higher, be lifted higher

Chorus

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Children's Bible Reading: 368

Reading of the Day: Acts 12:1-17

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize

Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: "Amazing Grace" Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace
(Repeat Chorus)

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God Who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine You are forever mine

COMMUNION SONG: "Your Love Defends Me" Matt Maher

Verse 1

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Verse 2

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war already won
I know the war is already won

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Bridge

We sing Hallelujah You're my portion
My salvation Hallelujah

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
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And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

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You're my portion My salvation
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DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Rescuer” Rend Collective

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 1

There is good news for the captive Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter The one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

Chorus

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Verse 2

He is beauty for the blind man Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Chorus

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Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Bridge

So come and be chainless Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary
(Repeat Bridge)

End Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!