

# **Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**

February 23, 2025

10:30 am

Paul, Barnabas, and a Man Born Lam

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## **AS WE GATHER**

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Acts 13:1–3; 14:8–18. The Holy Spirit leads the Church at Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas on a momentous missionary journey. In Lystra, they heal a man who had never been able to walk. The people who see this think Paul and Barnabas are gods come down to earth, and they attempt to offer sacrifices to them. In grief, Paul and Barnabas tear their clothes and rush into the crowd, barely preventing them from making the offerings.

**OPENING PRAISE SONG:** Lion and the Lamb © Big Daddy Weave

### **Verse 1**

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop The Lord almighty

### **Chorus**

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

### **Verse 2**

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of Kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

### **Chorus**

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### **Bridge**

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

### **Chorus**

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## **WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Our gracious God has promised to hear us for Jesus' sake when we call out for pardon and peace. Let us go to Him, confessing our sins.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we admit that we have often put our own wills ahead of Yours. In our pride we have demanded reasons from You for what has gone wrong in our lives. We have not called out to You in all humility, but have relied on our own righteousness instead of asking You for mercy and grace. We have let the turmoil of the world around us distract us from keeping our lives focused on Your strong Word and the salvation it proclaims. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, move us to paths in which we may serve You and proclaim Your saving Word to those who do not know Your loving promises.**

Pastor: Although God's Law condemns us in our fallen condition, with all our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, He has promised that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 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: Amen.**

**PRAISE 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  
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

### 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  
You're my portion My salvation  
Hallelujah You're my portion My salvation

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: Gracious Father, thank You for your great kindness to save us through faith alone in Christ alone. Forgive us for the times we think we deserve your grace or when we think we grow through the exercise of our own strength. Remind us afresh each day that we are Your children because of Your grace, the work of Your Son, and the work of Your Spirit. And may we live out the righteousness that Christ has won for us as we live on mission for His name and His glory; through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## TIME IN THE WORD

**Children's Bible Reading:** Page 286

### READING OF THE DAY: Acts 13:1-3, 14:8-18

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So, after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them. But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

Here ends the Reading.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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**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

**OFFERING SONG:** God Really Loves Us    Glover | Bowe | Crowder | Sojka

#### **Verse 1**

I've got a friend Closer than a brother There is no judgement  
Oh how He loves me I've got a friend

And He is my strength He is my portion With me in the valley  
With me in the fire With me in the storm

#### **Pre-chorus**

Let all my life testify

#### **Chorus**

Hallelujah We are not alone God really loves us God really loves us Hallelujah  
Oh praise my soul God really loves us God really loves us

#### **Verse 2**

His mercy's enough His grace is sufficient So come if you're needing  
Forgiveness or healing His mercy's enough

Oh, and this is our hope The cross it has spoken Death is no more  
Christ is the Lord Oh this is our hope

#### **Chorus**

Hallelujah We are not alone God really loves us God really loves us Hallelujah  
Oh praise my soul God really loves us God really loves us

## Instrumental

Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!

## Bridge

What a Father What a Friend What a Savior He is  
What a Father What a Friend What a Savior He is

## Chorus

Hallelujah We are not alone God really loves us God really loves us Hallelujah  
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## Bridge

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## 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 OUR LORD

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

**People: Amen.**

**COMMUNION SONG:** "Same God" Brandon Lake | Pat Barrett | Chris Brown

#### 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

## Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You Oh God, my God, I need You now  
How I need You now Oh, Rock oh 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

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

## Bridge

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now  
You are the same God You are the same God  
You answered prayers back then And You will answer now  
You are the same God You are the same God  
You were providing then You are providing now  
You are the same God You are the same God  
You were a healer then You are a healer now  
You are the same God You are the same God  
You were the Savior then You are the Savior now  
You are the same God You are the same God

## Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You Oh God, my God, I need You now  
How I need You now Oh, Rock oh Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness on Your faithfulness

## Chorus

Oh God, my God, I need You Oh God, my God, I need You now  
How I need You now Oh, Rock oh Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness on Your faithfulness

**COMMUNION SONG:** "Oh My Strength" © Jacob Daniel

#### Verse 1

Oh my strength, come quickly now Be not far from where I am  
There is no one here to help me Lord Lonely footprints in the sand

**Verse 2**

Oh my strength, come quickly now For my voice has words to say  
How can You even hear me Lord When I cannot speak Your name?

**Chorus**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son  
I am loved by an everlasting love

**Verse 3**

Oh my strength, come quickly now Bring my focus back to You  
Help to dim other desires Lord And my life be Your love's proof

**Verse 4**

Oh my strength, come quickly now It gets harder every day  
Please hands hold back my enemies So my weakened voice can say

**Chorus**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son  
I am loved by an everlasting love

**Bridge**

Oh be present in my thoughts Oh be present in my words  
Oh be present in my heart Oh God  
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Oh be present in my heart Oh God

**Chorus**

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**DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER****BENEDICTION****CLOSING SONG: I Believe**

Chris Davenport, Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham CCLI Song #7218424

**Verse 1**

I believe there is one salvation  
One doorway that leads to life  
One redemption One confession  
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

**Verse 2**

I believe in the crucifixion  
By His blood I have been set free  
I believe in the resurrection  
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

**Chorus**

All praise to God the Father  
All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit  
Our God has overcome

The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

**Verse 3**

I believe in the hope of heaven  
He's preparing a place for me  
Far beyond what hearts imagine  
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

**Verse 4**

I believe that day is coming  
He's returning to claim His bride  
Light the altar keep it burning  
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

**Chorus**

All praise to God the Father  
All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit  
Our God has overcome

The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

**Bridge**

No, I'll never be ashamed  
of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away  
From the One who saved my life  
No, I'll never be ashamed  
of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away  
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**Chorus**

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In Jesus' mighty name I believe

**Ending**

In Jesus' mighty name I believe

**SEND OFF**

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**