

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

The Reading of the Day is from Genesis 24:1–4, 10–28, 50–67. Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham’s homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast—the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah’s family sends her to Isaac with their blessings. God provided a bride for Isaac and so supported His promise to Abraham. Christ is our Bridegroom, who will return one day for the Bride, His Church, and will take us to our eternal dwelling.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: God So Loved A Bergthold | E Cash | F Cash | M Cash
| S Cash

Verse 1

Come all you weary Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

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Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

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Ending

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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: Let us then come before God and each other and confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Pastor: Let us confess together:

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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: Amen. Thanks be to God!

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You conquered the powers of darkness, and before Your light, the darkness must flee. Give us light through Your Word, which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Grant us the ability to trust in You even when the darkness looms close; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

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The Reading of the Day: Genesis 24:1-4; 10-28, 50-67

Abraham was now very old, and the Lord had blessed him in every way. He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh. I want you to swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.” Then the servant left, taking with him ten of his master’s camels loaded with all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor. He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water. Then he prayed, “Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a young woman, ‘Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too’—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master.” Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor. The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again. The servant hurried to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water from your jar.”

“Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. After she had given him a drink, she said, “I’ll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.” So, she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels. Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made

his journey successful.

When the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets weighing ten shekels. Then he asked, “Whose daughter, are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?” She answered him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son that Milkah bore to Nahor.” And she added, “We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night.”

Then the man bowed down and worshiped the Lord, saying, “Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master’s relatives.” The young woman ran and told her mother’s household about these things. Laban and Bethuel answered, “This is from the Lord; we can say nothing to you one way or the other. Here is Rebekah; take her and go and let her become the wife of your master’s son, as the Lord has directed.” When Abraham’s servant heard what they said, he bowed down to the ground before the Lord. Then the servant brought out gold and silver jewelry and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother. Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night there. When they got up the next morning, he said, “Send me on my way to my master.” But her brother and her mother replied, “Let the young woman remain with us ten days or so; then you may go.” But he said to them, “Do not detain me, now that the Lord has granted success to my journey. Send me on my way so I may go to my master.” Then they said, “Let’s call the young woman and ask her about it.” So, they called Rebekah and asked her, “Will you go with this man?” “I will go,” she said. So, they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.” Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, “Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?” “He is my master,” the servant answered. So, she took her veil and covered herself. Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So, she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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: Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Austin Davis, Chandler Moore, Cody Carnes CCLI Song #7188203

Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now

Chorus 1

He won't
He won't

Verse 2

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So, I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now

Chorus 2

He won't
He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail

Bridge

Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm going to make it through
Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm going to make it through
I'm going to make it through
'cause my house was built on You

Verse 1

Chorus 3

He won't
He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail
He won't

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: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(Repeat)

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me Yet not I but through Christ in me Song #7121852

COMMUNION SONG: “You’ve Already Won” Hooper | Fike | Ryan

Verse 1

There’s peace that outlasts darkness Hope that’s in the blood
There’s future grace that's mine today That Jesus Christ has won

Verse 2

So I can face tomorrow For tomorrow’s in Your hands
All I need You will provide Just like You always have

Chorus

I’m fighting a battle That you’ve already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome
I don’t know what You’re doing But I know what You’ve done
I’m fighting a battle You’ve already won

Verse 4

When the sea is raging Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ And I'll say that is well
Oh I know that it is well

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle That you've already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome
I don't know what You're doing But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle You've already won

Bridge

I know how this story ends We will be with You again
You're my Savior my defense No more fear in life or death
I know how this story ends.

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle That you've already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome
I don't know what You're doing But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle You've already won

Ending

I'm fighting a battle You've already won

DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: Lead On Good Shepherd
Frankie Orella, Patrick Mayberry, Paul Duncan CCLI Song #7209206

Verse 1

Well, I've been turned 'round
but I've never been lost
Seen the water get troubled
But we walked across
When my knees were shaking
You held my hand
Turning my problems
to a promised land

Chorus

Lead on Good Shepherd
I'll follow all my days
there is nothing sweeter
than to watch You make a way
You've walked me through the valley
but You never steered me wrong
So, lead on Good Shepherd
lead on

Verse 2

Seen some mighty deep canyons
that You brought me through
Seen some mighty big mountains
that just up and moved
Glory, glory hallelujah
Yeah, that's my song
Walking with my Father
into the great unknown

Bridge

Step by step day by day
lead me on Lord I pray
Road gets dark walk by faith
Lead on Good Shepherd *(repeat)*

Chorus

Bridge

Ending

Lead on Good Shepherd
lead on Good Shepherd
Lead on Good Shepherd Lead on

SEND OFF

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