

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
A Family Reunites – God Helps Joseph Forgive
November 9, 2025 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Genesis 42:1–28; 43:11–30; 45:1–15. Joseph’s siblings journey to Egypt hoping to find food for their family. Failing to recognize Joseph, the brothers head home with sustenance and supplies. Heeding Joseph’s early warning, the brothers bring Benjamin when returning to Egypt for food. After testing and trying his brothers, Joseph finally reveals himself to his astonished siblings. Joseph relocates all of Jacob’s family to Egypt, promising to care for them. God salvaged the brokenness of Jacob’s family, bringing Joseph into a position where he could preserve them. God has salvaged the brokenness of this world, bringing Christ through death to new life to offer forgiveness to His people today.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “Battle Belongs” Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle You see my victory
When all I see is a 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

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 God You see the empty tomb

Chorus

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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

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
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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: Most merciful God,

People: I confess to almighty God our Father that I have sinned by allowing other things to become more important to me than God. I have trusted more in myself, my possessions, my works, and my own desires. I confess that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. Therefore, I pray that He come to me in His Word and Spirit to forgive me and enlighten and keep me in the true faith. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy on you and has come to you in the person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For the sake of His death and resurrection for you, God forgives you all your sins and gives you the strength of faith to serve Him in all faithfulness. 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: “Lord, I Need You” © Matt Maher, 2013

Verse 1

Lord I come, I confess Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh I need You Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh I need You Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh I need You Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

Ending

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need you
Your one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Father, we praise You for Your great grace that would lead You to send Your Son for our salvation when all we deserve is Your wrath against our sin. Help us through Your Holy Spirit to put to death our sinful nature and to put on the characteristics of Christ so we may walk worthy of our Savior and honor Him with our lives. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

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The Reading of the Day: Genesis 42:1–28; 43:11–30; 45:1–15

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you just keep looking at each other?” He continued, “I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.” Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. So, Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also. Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So, when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. “Where

do you come from?” he asked. “From the land of Canaan,” they replied, “to buy food.” Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, “You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected.” “No, my lord,” they answered. “Your servants have come to buy food. We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies.” “No!” he said to them. “You have come to see where our land is unprotected.” But they replied, “Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more.” Joseph said to them, “It is just as I told you: You are spies! And this is how you will be tested: As surely as Pharaoh lives, you will not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. Send one of your number to get your brother; the rest of you will be kept in prison, so that your words may be tested to see if you are telling the truth. If you are not, then as surely as Pharaoh lives, you are spies!” And he put them all in custody for three days. On the third day, Joseph said to them, “Do this and you will live, for I fear God: If you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here in prison, while the rest of you go and take grain back for your starving households. But you must bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words may be verified and that you may not die.” This they proceeded to do. They said to one another, “Surely, we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that’s why this distress has come on us.” Reuben replied, “Didn’t I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn’t listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood.” They did not realize that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter. He turned away from them and began to weep but then came back and spoke to them again. He had Simeon taken from them and bound before their eyes. Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to put each man’s silver back in his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. After this was done for them, they loaded their grain on their donkeys and left. At the place where they stopped for the night one of them opened his sack to get feed for his donkey, and he saw his silver in the mouth of his sack. “My silver has been returned,” he said to his brothers. “Here it is in my sack.” Their hearts sank and they turned to each other trembling and said, “What is this that God has done to us?” Now the famine was still severe in the land. So, when they had eaten all the grain they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, “Go back and buy us a little more food.” But Judah said to him, “The man warned us solemnly, ‘You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.’ If you will send our brother along with us, we will go down and buy food for you. But if you will not send him, we will not go down, because the man said to us, ‘You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.’” Israel asked, “Why did you bring this trouble on me by telling the man you had another

brother?” They replied, “The man questioned us closely about ourselves and our family. ‘Is your father still living?’ he asked us. ‘Do you have another brother?’ We simply answered his questions. How were we to know he would say, ‘Bring your brother down here?’” Then Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the boy along with me and we will go at once, so that we and you and our children may live and not die. I myself will guarantee his safety; you can hold me personally responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him here before you, I will bear the blame before you all my life. As it is, if we had not delayed, we could have gone and returned twice.” Then their father Israel said to them, “If it must be, then do this: Put some of the best products of the land in your bags and take them down to the man as a gift—a little balm and a little honey, some spices and myrrh, some pistachio nuts and almonds. Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So, there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise, you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’ “You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.” Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

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: His Glory And My Good

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Verse 1

I have seen my Father’s glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

Verse 2

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So, in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus

**To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good**

Verse 3

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Chorus

Verse 4

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

Chorus
Chorus
Ending
Yes, I know His glory is my good

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: “At the Cross” (Love Ran Red)

Tomlin | Cash | Armstrong | Myrin | Redman

Verse 1
There's a place Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus 1
At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

Verse 2
There's a place Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus 1

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You

Bridge
Here my hope is found Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow down

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