

Transfiguration Sunday
The Fall-Short Report – The Twelve Spies
February 15, 2026 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Numbers 13:1–2, 25–14:24. Moses chooses one man from each of the twelve tribes and sends them to spy on the land God has promised. The spies report a land of great plenty but occupied by mighty, fearsome people. Despite Caleb and Joshua’s pleas to seize the land promised to them, the people rebel. Moses pleads for mercy, and God promises to care for His people. At the same time, He condemns the Israelites to forty years of wandering in the wilderness. Of all the adults, only Joshua and Caleb will live to enter the Promised Land.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: Joy of The Lord © Ed Cash, Rend Collective

Verse 1

Though the tears may fall my song will rise
My song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail my song will rise
My song will rise to You
While there’s breath in my lungs I will praise You Lord

Verse 2

In the dead of night I’ll lift my eyes
I’ll lift my eyes to You
When the waters rise I’ll lift my eyes
I’ll lift my eyes to You
While there’s hope in this heart I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I’ll dance
In the shadows I’ll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Verse 3

When I cannot see You with my eyes
Let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
Let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love I will praise You Lord

Verse 4

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light
I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive
I am alive with You
There is strength when I say I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I’ll dance
In the shadows I’ll sing The joy of the Lord is my strength
(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

When sorrow comes my way
You are the shield around me
Always You remain Like courage in the fight
I hear You call my name Jesus I am coming
Walking on the waves reaching for Your light

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I’ll dance
In the shadows I’ll sing The joy of the Lord is my strength
(Repeat Chorus)

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: Sin has separated every person from God. Our hearts are dark with sin. Each person needs the light of Jesus' love and forgiveness in their hearts. Let us confess our sins before Jesus, our Savior, the Light of the world.

People: Lord God, we confess that we are sinners. Our hearts are dark and we are separated from You. We make mistakes. We hurt those we love. We have failed to live in a way that reflects Your light in the world. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. Strengthen and transform us by Your Holy Spirit, so that we may reflect the light of Jesus to others.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

BAPTISM Hadley Mae Reiner

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAISE SONG: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord, unto me!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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

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The Reading of the Day: Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:24

The Lord said to Moses, “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.” At the end of forty days, they returned from exploring the land. They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the

Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.” Then Moses and Aaron fell face down in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. Joshua, son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.” But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites. The Lord said to Moses, “How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them? I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they.” Moses said to the Lord, “Then the Egyptians will hear about it! By your power you brought these people up from among them. And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that you, Lord, are with these people and that you, Lord, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. If you put all these people to death, leaving none alive, the nations who have heard this report about you will say, ‘The Lord was not able to bring these people into the land he promised them on oath, so he slaughtered them in the wilderness.’

“Now may the Lord’s strength be displayed, just as you have declared: ‘The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.’ In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now.” The Lord replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked. Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth, not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him

into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING 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

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.

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

**Chorus
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!