

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**The Downfall Wall – The Fall of Jericho**  
**March 1, 2026 – 10:30 am**

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**AS WE GATHER**

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Joshua 5:13–6:27. Confident in their wall, the people of Jericho shut themselves up inside the city. Following God’s unusual battle plan, Joshua gathers the priests, trumpets, ark of the covenant, and people. Six days they march once around the city, then seven times on the seventh day, giving a shout at the conclusion of the last circuit. The city walls come tumbling down, and the Israelites wipe out the citizens and livestock while plundering precious metals for the tabernacle. Yet Rahab and her family are spared. Christ, the greater Joshua, though He has the power to judge us for our sins also has the power to save. By the cross, He has forgiven God’s children their sins and has promised us deliverance from eternal death.

**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  
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**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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**Tag**

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**WELCOME and REGISTER ATTENDANCE**

**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 help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.**

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.**

**PRAISE SONG:** "A Mighty Fortress" - Martin Luther

### **Verse 1**

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe. With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

### **Verse 2**

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He, Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

### **Verse 3**

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage. His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

### **Chorus 1**

A mighty fortress a rock unfailing The King of Glory forever amen  
For endless ages enthroned in praises The King of Glory forever amen

### **Verse 4**

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched  
away,  
They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

### **Chorus 1**

A mighty fortress a rock unfailing The King of Glory forever amen  
For endless ages enthroned in praises The King of Glory forever amen

### **Chorus 2**

A mighty fortress a rock unfailing The King of Glory forever amen  
For endless ages enthroned in praises The King of Glory forever, forever Amen

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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:** Joshua 5:13–6:27

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

“Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?” The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

So, Joshua, son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it.” And he ordered the army, “Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord.”

When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord’s covenant followed them. The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. But Joshua had commanded the army, “Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!” So, he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there. Joshua got up early the next morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the Lord and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them, and the rear guard followed the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets kept sounding. So, on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days. On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on

that day they circled the city seven times. The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord. Only Rahab, the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise, you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and must go into his treasury.”

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so, everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. They devoted the city to the Lord and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.

Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her.” So, the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel. Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord’s house. But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day. At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: “Cursed before the Lord is the one who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: “At the cost of his firstborn son he will lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest he will set up its gates.” So, the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout the land.

Here ends the Reading.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**

**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.

### OFFERING | TREASURE BOX | PRAYER CARDS

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Storm This Castle” – by Jacob Daniel

### 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: “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

#### SEND OFF

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