

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in LENT**  
**The Palm Tree Judge - Deborah**  
**March 8, 2026 – 10:30 am**

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**AS WE GATHER**

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Judges 4. Judge Deborah urges Barak to gather 10,000 troops to go up against Sisera's army of 900 iron chariots. When the battle turns against Sisera, he flees on foot, seeking refuge in Jael's tent. Snoozing beneath a rug, Sisera meets his end at the hand of Jael as she pegs him through his temple to the ground. In Christ, God chose to use the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. In Him, we poor sinners are brought high and given a new identity that will never fade.

**OPENING PRAISE SONG:** Every Giant Will Fall © Rend Collective

**Verse 1**

I can see the promised land Though there's pain within the plan  
There is victory in the end Your love is my battle cry

**Verse 2**

When my fears like Jericho Build their walls around my soul  
When my heart is overthrown Your love is my battle cry  
The anthem for all my life

**Chorus**

Every giant will fall the mountains will move  
Every chain of the past You've broken in two  
Over fear over lies we're singing the truth  
That nothing is impossible with You

**Verse 3**

There is hope within the fight In the wars that wage inside  
Though the shadows steal the light Your love is my battle cry  
The anthem for all my life

**Chorus**

Every giant will fall the mountains will move  
Every chain of the past You've broken in two  
Over fear over lies we're singing the truth  
That nothing is impossible (with You)  
**(Repeat Chorus)**

**Bridge**

No greater name No higher name  
No stronger name Than Jesus  
You overcame Broke every chain  
Forever reign King Jesus  
**(Repeat Bridge)**

**Chorus**

Every giant will fall the mountains will move  
Every chain of the past You've broken in two  
Over fear over lies we're singing the truth  
That nothing is impossible (with You)  
**(Repeat Chorus)**

**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: 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: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**PRAISE SONG:** Holy Forever

Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Phil Wickham CCLI Song #7249209

**Verse 1**

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
to sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
and all who will believe  
will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

**Pre-Chorus**

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

**Chorus 1**

**And the angels cry Holy  
All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy  
Holy forever**

**Verse 2**

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

**Chorus 1**

**Chorus 2**

**Hear Your people sing Holy  
To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy  
Holy forever**

**Pre Chorus**

(Jesus) Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all *(repeat all)*

**Chorus 1**

**Chorus 2**

**Ending**

You will always be Holy  
Holy forever

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: Father, we know the Gospel Mission is dangerous work. Even if we don't feel it, our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world do. You sent Your Son into this danger, and He willingly laid down His life so that we might take up ours for eternity. Help us to trust in Your care and protection as we proclaim the praises of our Savior, Jesus. And even if Your will leads us to pain or death, may we be bold and faithful, knowing that our resurrection awaits and eternal life with You will be our reward. 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**

### **Reading of the Day:** Judges 4

Again, the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead. So, the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help.

Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.’” Barak said to her, “If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I won’t go.” “Certainly, I will go with you,” said Deborah. “But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.” So, Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.

Now Heber the Kenite had left the other Kenites, the descendants of Hobab, Moses’ brother-in-law, and pitched his tent by the great tree in Zaananim near Kedesh. When they told Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, Sisera summoned from Harosheth Haggoyim to the Kishon River all his men and his nine hundred chariots fitted with iron. Then Deborah said to Barak, “Go! This is the day the Lord has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the Lord gone ahead of you?” So, Barak went down Mount Tabor, with ten thousand men following him. At Barak’s advance, the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera got down from his chariot and fled on foot.

Barak pursued the chariots and army as far as Harosheth Haggoyim, and all Sisera’s troops fell by the sword; not a man was left. Sisera, meanwhile, fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because there was an alliance between Jabin king of Hazor and the family of Heber the Kenite. Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Come, my lord, come right in. Don’t be afraid.” So, he entered her tent, and she

covered him with a blanket. “I’m thirsty,” he said. “Please give me some water.” She opened a skin of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him up.

“Stand in the doorway of the tent,” he told her. “If someone comes by and asks you, ‘Is anyone in there?’ say ‘No.’” But Jael, Heber’s wife, picked up a tent peg and a hammer and went quietly to him while he lay fast asleep, exhausted. She drove the peg through his temple into the ground, and he died. Just then Barak came by in pursuit of Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him. “Come,” she said, “I will show you the man you’re looking for.” So, he went in with her, and there lay Sisera with the tent peg through his temple—dead. On that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan before the Israelites. And the hand of the Israelites pressed harder and harder against Jabin king of Canaan until they destroyed him.

Here ends the Reading.

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **MESSAGE**

#### **NICENE CREED**

**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 | TREASURE BOX | PRAYER CARDS

**OFFERING SONG:** The Lord Is My Salvation   Jonas Myrin | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Nathan Nockels

### Verse 1

The grace of God has reached for me And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground The Lord is my Salvation

### Verse 2

I will not fear when darkness falls His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun The Lord is my Salvation

### Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my Salvation

### Verse 3

My hope is hidden in the Lord He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come The Lord is my Salvation

### Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my Salvation

### Bridge

Glory be to God the Father   Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit   The Lord is my Salvation

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### Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my Salvation

### Ending

The Lord is my Salvation   The Lord is my Salvation

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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

**COMMUNION SONG:** "There Is One Gospel"   Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson

### Verse 1

There is one Gospel on which I stand For all eternity  
It is my story my Father's plan The Son has rescued me

Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

### Verse 2

There is one Gospel to which I cling All else I count as loss  
For there where justice and mercy meet He saved me on the cross

No more I boast in what I can bring No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

### Verse 3

There is one Gospel where hope is found The empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not keep my Savior down He lives and I am free

Now on my Savior I fix my eyes My life is His and His hope is mine  
For He has promised I too will rise I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Verse 4**

And in this Gospel the church is one We do not walk alone  
 We have His Spirit as we press on To lead us safely home

And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me  
 Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Ending**

And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me  
 Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**COMMUNION SONG:** “The Same Power” Jeremy Camp, Jason Ingram**Verse 1**

I can see Waters raging at my feet  
 I can feel The breath of those surrounding me  
 I can hear The sound of nations rising up  
 We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

**Verse 2**

I can walk Down this dark and painful road  
 I can face Every fear of the unknown  
 I can hear All God’s children singing out  
 We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

**Chorus**

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave  
 The same power that commands the dead to wake  
 Lives in us, lives in us  
 The same power that moves mountains when He speaks  
 The same power that can calm a raging sea  
 Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

**Verse 3**

We have hope That His promises are true  
 In His strength There is nothing we can’t do  
 Yes, we know There are greater things in store  
 We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

**Chorus**

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave  
 The same power that commands the dead to wake  
 Lives in us, lives in us  
 The same power that moves mountains when He speaks  
 The same power that can calm a raging sea  
 Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

**Bridge**

Greater is He that is living in me He’s conquered our enemy  
 No power of darkness No weapon prevails We stand here in victory In victory

**Chorus**

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave  
 The same power that commands the dead to wake  
 Lives in us, lives in us  
 The same power that moves mountains when He speaks  
 The same power that can calm a raging sea  
 Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

**DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER****BENEDICTION****CLOSING SONG:** Rescuer Rend Collective**Chorus**

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore  
 Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds  
 We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

**Verse 1**

There is good news for the captive Good news for the shamed  
 There is good news for the one who walked away  
 There is good news for the doubter The one religion failed  
 For the good Lord has come to seek and save

**Chorus**

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

**Verse 2**

He is beauty for the blind man Riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary Rest for those who strive  
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life  
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

**Chorus**

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

**Bridge**

So come and be chainless Come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
There is redemption for every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary

**(Repeat Bridge)**

**End Chorus**

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

**SEND OFF**

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