



*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;*

**HE SHALL BRUISE YOUR HEAD,  
AND YOU SHALL BRUISE HIS HEEL.**

GENESIS 3:15

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**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

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Service Theme

**THE DEVIL DOES HIS WORST,  
YET JESUS ALWAYS WINS**

Look at our lives—the problems, the pains—and it's easy to conclude that we are losing. Look at the world—the brokenness, the bedlam—and it's easy to believe that the devil is winning. It all can lead us to despair. Yet this turmoil is exactly what God said would happen already in the Garden. There God declared that until the end of time hostility would prevail between the devil and us. But God promised more than that. He promised that from a special descendant of Eve would rise one who would completely defeat the devil. We need a top-down faith to understand that things are definitely not what they seem. Yes, the devil and his allies are constantly doing their worst. Their work always brings pain. Yet, ultimately, Jesus always wins. And his victory is our victory. Jesus' victory is so complete that even when Satan continues to cause chaos, Christ uses it to reveal his glory and grace to those gifted with top-down faith.

## Hymn

### *CW201 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.**

**2 With might of ours can naught be done;  
Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant one  
Whom God himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,  
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.**

**3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.**

**4 The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With his good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will—Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—  
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

**Order of Service**  
*Divine Service 1 (CWS p.15)*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**C: *(sing)* Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: *(spoken)* Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

(CWS p.16)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C:** *(sing)* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, glory to God!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(CWS p.18)

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (spoken) Amen.**

## 1st Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15 (EHV)

*The devil did his worst, but a gracious God promised that from Eve's descendants would come one who would defeat the serpent for us.*

<sup>8</sup>They heard the voice of the Lord God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup>God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"

<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup>The Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,  
you are cursed more than all the livestock,  
and more than every wild animal.

You shall crawl on your belly,  
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put hostility between you and the woman,  
and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head,  
and you will crush his heel.

**Psalm**

130 (CW p. 114)

*Refrain*

**Remember your mercy, O Lord;  
remember your mercy and love.**

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;\*  
O Lord, hear my voice.**

**Let your ears be attentive\*  
to my cry for mercy.**

**If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,\*  
O Lord, who could stand?**

**But with you there is forgiveness;\*  
therefore you are feared.**

*Refrain*

**I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.\*  
My soul waits for the Lord more than  
watchmen wait for the morning.**

**O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,\*  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## **Second Lesson**

Revelation 20:1–6 (EHV)

*God had promised victory in the Garden. Jesus allows St. John to see that victory in his Revelation.*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven. He had the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup>threw him into the abyss, locked it, and set a seal on it, so that he could no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years come to an end. After this he must be released for a short time.

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and those who were sitting on them were given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast and his image, and they did not receive his mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years came to an end.) This is the first resurrection.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who has a share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. Instead they will be priests of God and of Christ. And they will reign with him for a thousand years.

## **Verse of the Day**

*(CWS p. 19)*

Alleluia. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. Alleluia. (1 John 3:8)

**Gospel Lesson**  
Mark 3:20–35 (EHV)

**C: (sing) Glory be to you, O Lord! Glory be to you, O Lord!**

*Jesus came to oppose Satan and undo his work.*

<sup>20</sup>They went into a house. A crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat a meal. <sup>21</sup>When his own people heard this, they went out to take control of him, because they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

<sup>22</sup>The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He drives out demons by the ruler of demons.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus called them together and spoke to them in parables. “How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is finished. <sup>27</sup>On the other hand, no one can enter a strong man's house to steal his possessions unless he ties up the strong man first. Then he can plunder his house. <sup>28</sup>Amen I tell you: Everything will be forgiven people, their sins and whatever blasphemies they may speak. <sup>29</sup>But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus said this because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers arrived. While they were standing outside, they sent word to Jesus, calling for him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him. They began to tell him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.”

<sup>33</sup>He replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>He looked at those who sat around him in a circle and he said, “Look, my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

**C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!**



**Apostles Creed**  
(CWS p.20)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

**Hymn**

CW 378 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam's fall;  
One common sin infects us all.  
From one to all the curse descends,  
And over all God's wrath impends.**
- 2 Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps  
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;  
In guilt we draw our infant breath  
And reap its fruits of woe and death.**
- 3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,  
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;  
God's image lost, the darkened soul  
Nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.**
- 4 But Christ, the second Adam, came  
To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
To be our life, our light, our way,  
Our only hope, our only stay.**

**5 As by one man all mankind fell  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place,  
We all were justified by grace.**

**6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs;  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end.**

### **Sermon Text & Theme**

**Genesis 3:8-15 ... Listen, The LORD is calling!**

- 1) He is showing you your sin.
- 2) He is showing you your Saviour.

### **Create In Me**

*(CWS p.21)*

**C: *(sing)* Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew  
a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from  
your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and  
uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation,  
you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your  
Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.**

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**The Lord's Prayer**  
(CWS p.22)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

**Final Prayer & Blessing**  
(CWS p.27)

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you  
peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn

CW 455 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

**1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,  
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you,  
For Satan has designed your fall.  
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious;  
Against each foe you'll be victorious;  
Our God will set you o'er them all.  
Fear not the prince of hell—  
Here is Immanuel! Sing hosanna!  
The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield,  
And we as conqu'rors hold the field.**

**2 Jesus, all your children cherish,  
And keep them that they never perish  
Whom you have purchased with your blood.  
Let new life to us be given  
That we may look to you in heaven  
Whenever fearful is our mood.  
Your Spirit on us pour  
That we may love you more,  
Hearts o'erflowing; And then shall we,  
From sin set free, Sing praise through all eternity.**

## Announcements

### ***Church Cleaners:***

June 16 - John // June 23 - Simon

### ***Summer Worship Schedule***

Next Sunday, June 16, we begin following our Summer schedule with Worship starting at 9:30 am.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (9) 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship**

We (12) 5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" Bible Info class

Th (13) 6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (14) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study  
4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)

**Su (16) 9:30 am Worship (with Communion)**  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**

Tu (18) 7:00 pm Elders Meeting

We (19) 5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" Bible Info class

Th (20) 6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (21) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study  
4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)

**Su (23) 9:30 am Worship (with Communion)**  
**10:45 am Voters Meeting**



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