

## **We Are More Than Conquerors**

*The Third Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 26, 2022*

## **SERIES THEME - GOD'S WORDS POSSESS GOD'S POWER**

"Let there be light," God said (Genesis 1:3). God was not speaking a wistful wish into the darkness. He was declaring what would now be. "God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." God speaks and reality results.

When we speak words, they are often meaningless. Sometimes, one's words are meaningless because they are spoken without true knowledge. Other times, one's words are meaningless because they were spoken insincerely. Still other times, one might make a sincere promise, but he lacks the ability to do what he said, making his promise meaningless. Words are often meaningless. But everything God says is meaningful. God speaks with absolute knowledge. God never lies. And God's words possess God's awesome power. Thus, it is God's words that determine our reality. It is God's words that establish our faith, transform our hearts and minds, and direct our lives along meaningful paths.

During the first half of the Church Year, we focused on the life of Christ. As we begin the second half of the Church Year, we turn our attention to the teachings of Christ... to the Son of God's words. We gather each week to let the Holy Spirit do the work Jesus promised he would do in the way Jesus promised he would do it—through his Word.

## **SERMON THEME - WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS**

Victory! It's something that we all want – whether it's in sports or in life. And yet, in this sin-cursed world, we often face just the opposite (the struggles of the mother in the Old Testament lesson is an example). But listen to Jesus' message in the Gospel! This gives Paul confidence in the Verse of the Day and the sermon text. We are more than conquerors through Jesus!

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## **The Service, Setting 1 (page 154 in Christian Worship 21)**

### **Hymn: 607 Ten Thousand Reasons**

*Please stand*

#### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve Your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with His innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in Him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

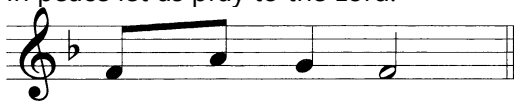
#### **Absolution**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



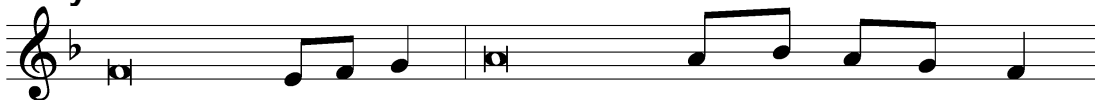
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

## Glory Be to God



**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



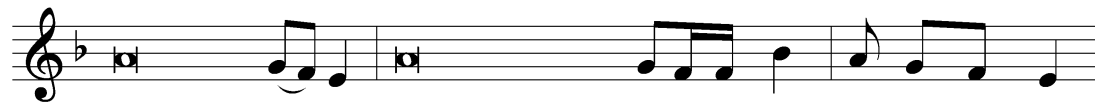
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



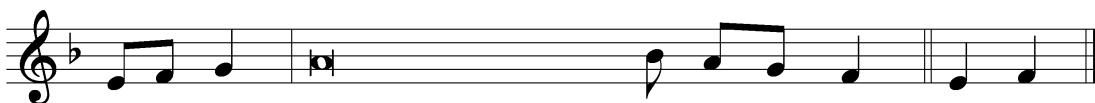
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

# The Word

## Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord God, You know that we are surrounded by many dangers and often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

*1 Kings 17:17-24*

*This mother in 1 Kings 17 was experiencing one of the atrocities in this sin-cursed world. This Old Testament miracle looks ahead to the compassion Jesus displayed in His coming to earth to save us and the power over death that Jesus would show with His own death and resurrection.*

<sup>17</sup> After these events, the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. The illness became worse until he stopped breathing.

<sup>18</sup> Then she said to Elijah, "What is the issue between us, man of God? Have you come to remind me of my sins and to kill my son?"

<sup>19</sup> He said to her, "Bring your son to me." Then he took him and carried him to the upstairs room where he was living, and he laid him on his bed. <sup>20</sup> Then he cried out to the Lord, "O Lord, my God, have you sent tragedy on this woman with whom I am staying by killing her son?"

<sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times, and he cried out to the Lord, "O Lord, my God, let this boy's soul return to his body!" <sup>22</sup> The Lord listened to Elijah's voice, and the boy's soul returned to his body, and he came to life. <sup>23</sup> Then Elijah took the boy and brought him down to the house from his upstairs room, and he gave him to his mother. Elijah said, "See, your son is alive!"

<sup>24</sup> The woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is true."

The Word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

*1 Corinthians 15:55-57*

*Refrain*



Alleluia. Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

*Refrain*

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## Gospel

*John 16:27-33*

*Jesus talks plainly with His disciples about the troubles of this world, and also about His victory for them.*

<sup>27</sup> For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am going to leave the world and go to the Father."

<sup>29</sup> "Yes!" his disciples said. "Now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative language. <sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know everything and do not need to have anyone ask you anything. For this reason we believe that you came from God."

<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Now do you believe? <sup>32</sup> Listen, a time is coming, in fact it is here, when you will be scattered, everyone to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not going to be alone, because the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have told you these things, so that you may have peace in me. In this world you are going to have trouble. But be courageous! I have overcome the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## **Hymn: 721 What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

### **SERMON: We Are More Than Conquerors**

#### **Reading**

*Romans 8:18-39*

<sup>18</sup> For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

<sup>20</sup> For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope <sup>21</sup> that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

<sup>24</sup> Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for something we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patient endurance.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that are not expressed in words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to God's will.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, <sup>29</sup> because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?



<sup>33</sup> Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! <sup>34</sup> Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! <sup>35</sup> What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Please stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Prayer**

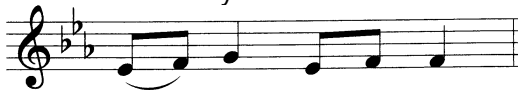
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## **Hymn: 750 We Give Three but Thine Own**

### **The Sacrament**

*Please stand*

The Lord be with you.



**And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by His willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by His glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to You, O God, through Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom You sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of Your grace. Through Him You made all things; in Him You are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill Your promises, He stretched out His hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in You.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank You that You have gathered us together to receive Your Son's body and blood. Send us Your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise You in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him, we glorify and honor You, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **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 Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

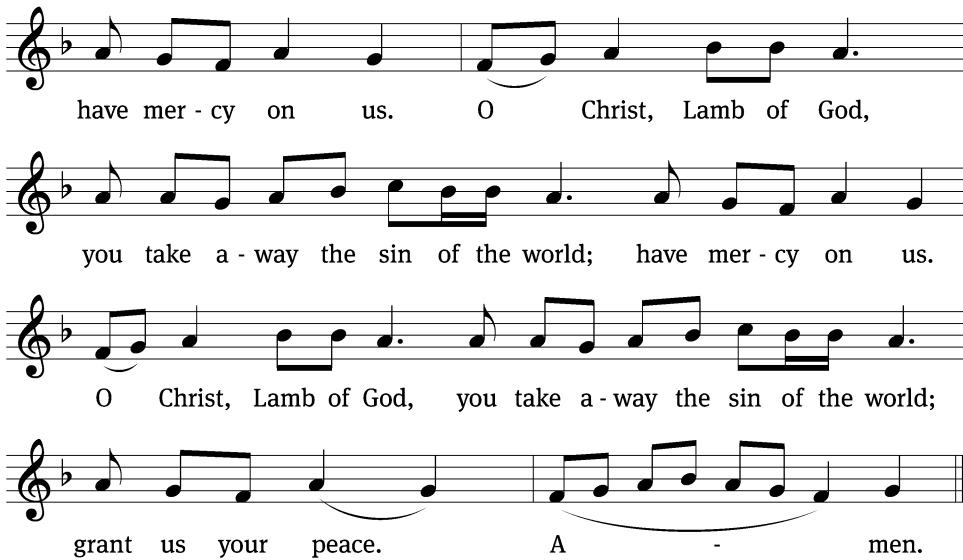
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **O Christ, Lamb of God**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B-flat4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B-flat4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B-flat3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter). The notes are grouped into measures: the first measure contains G4, A4, and B-flat4; the second contains C5, B-flat4, and A4; the third contains G4, F4, and E4; the fourth contains D4, C4, and B-flat3; the fifth contains A3, G3, and F3; the sixth contains E3, D3, and C3; and the seventh contains B-flat3, A3, and G3.



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

## **Pre-Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus, You have invited me to come and receive Your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine You give me Your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with Your promises; I yearn for the assurance of Your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive You by faith.

## **Distribution**

**Close Communion** *We ask that only those who have previously spoken to one of our pastors or are members in good standing of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to Holy Communion today. Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (1 Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach.*

## **Hymn: 676 Take and Eat**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Thank You, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of Your body and blood. Lift my heart with Your forgiveness, renew my confidence in Your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

*Please stand*

### **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

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 T give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Hymn: 885 There Is a Higher Throne**

## **NELHS SUMMER WORKDAYS**

### **Calling all Volunteers!**

We need volunteers to help get some areas organized, cleaned, and repaired. To make sure we can get everything that needs to be done we have come up with three different workdays. If you can't make one, then maybe you can make another date.

The dates are the following:

- June 28th, Tuesday 8 to 4
- July 11th, Monday 8 to 4
- July 23rd, Saturday 9 to noon (or longer if needed)

Please contact Cameron Handy if you would like to come out on any of the workdays that we have scheduled. If none of these work for you, but you still would like to help, please contact Cameron Handy at [chandy@nelhs.org](mailto:chandy@nelhs.org) or call him at 608-397-9828 and set up a date that works for you. Help us get everything done and ready for the return of students in August!



## **WELS CAMP JEFFERSON**



Join us for the 40th Anniversary of WELS Camp Jefferson on July 15th-17th. Teen Camp follows until July 20th. **Registration will be open until end-of-day July 1st.** If you're interested in participating as a Camper (going into grades 3rd-8th), Teen Helper (grades 9-12th), or as an Adult Helper please register using our website at [welscampjefferson.org](http://welscampjefferson.org) - you can

also register for Teen Camp using that site. Teen Camp is for teens going into 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have any questions about Camp Jefferson please reach out to us via email at [welscampjefferson@gmail.com](mailto:welscampjefferson@gmail.com) or you can call/text Carrie at 402-759-1239.

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** 10:30 AM Worship

**Sunday:** 10:30 AM Worship

Trinity Association Meeting June 26 at 7 pm at Trinity.

Pastor Haefner and Jane's new address is 1311 N. Minnesota St, New Ulm, NE 56073. Phones and emails will remain the same. If you are in the New Ulm area you are always welcome to stop in to see us.

Pastor Wilkens and Becky are planning to arrive late on Tuesday, June 28th. The plans are to help unload the truck around 9:00 AM on Wednesday, June 29th.

The installation of Justin Wilkens as Pastor at Bethel Lutheran and Grace Lutheran will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in York on July 17th at 4:00 p.m.

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