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OVERCOMING THROUGH GOD'S WORD – JEREMIAH WEEK 2

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened by His Word to be His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

As We Gather: "In a forty-year ministry, through the most confusing and chaotic decades of Israel's history, Jeremiah was invincible. Inwardly, he was in great agony many times, but he never swerved from his course. There was enormous pressure on him to change, to compromise, to quit, and to cave in. He never did. Who is the Foreman behind this "city" called Jeremiah? The Lord of hosts is His name. ... [Jeremiah] overcame untold sorrows. So shall we. We have God's Word." (*Overcoming Life's Sorrows – Learning From Jeremiah,* R. Reed Lessing, Concordia Publishing House, 2021, pg. 51)

WELCOME

Please Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames will not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign
Who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?
Up-held by My righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
Your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Here we are gathered to have our faith strengthened by God's Word, by remembering His promises, and by being uplifted in His community. Yet, here we also remember that our sinful condition and acts separate us from Him. Therefore, let's seek His infinite mercy and ask our Father's forgiveness.

C Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive the weakness of our faith and our many sins, and restore us to the fullness of fellowship with You and one another, now and forever.

P In Holy Baptism our heavenly Father declared us to be His children and united us to His Son, by whose death and resurrection all our sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy on us.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

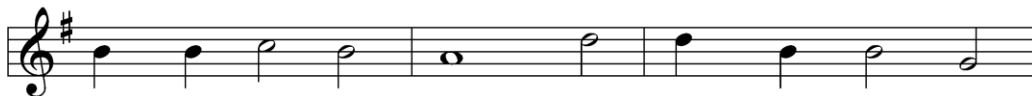
C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as You go with us through each day,

**C help us by Your strength to serve You in meeting people's needs
and in spreading the Good News of the Gospel;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:11-19

(The Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah.)

¹¹And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." ¹²Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it." ¹³The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north." ¹⁴Then the Lord said to me, "Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁵For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the Lord, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah.

¹⁶And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. ¹⁷But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. ¹⁸And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. ¹⁹They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

739 Precious Lord, take My Hand

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone, At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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EPISTLE

James 3:1–12

(James warns against an uncontrolled tongue.)

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

Mark 9:23b

P Alleluia. All things are possible

C for one who believes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

(Jesus exorcizes a spirit after the disciples are not able.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Church.

MESSAGE HYMN

783 *Take My Life and Let It Be*



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er mine;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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MESSAGE

Please Stand – Children Return from Children's Church

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here!)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

HYMN

806 *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son. (x2)
And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26–28; Mk. 14:22–24; Lk. 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(see pew hymnals)*

642 *O Living Bread from Heaven*
894 *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P We give You thanks, heavenly Father, for this gift of life and the strengthening of our faith.
C **Help us each day to rely on all that Your Son has done for us and promised for our future;**
P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P The eternal grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the steadfast love of God the Father and the blessed communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

809 *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. *Refrain*

Refrain *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. *Refrain*

- 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! *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Into the world, overcoming through God's Word

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

Pastor	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Reader	Jon Dreier
Children's Message	Chris Graves, DCE	Organist	Carol Trumbo
Elder	Jon Dreier	Acolyte	Johanna Srinivasagan

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