

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Overcome Evil with Good



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Sun. 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. YouTube

AS WE GATHER

In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God's desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good. In our worship service today, we receive the same Jesus who once overcame evil by carrying His cross to suffer for our salvation. Trouncing over all the evil we will ever face, our risen Savior lives to love, to bless, and to deliver us as His people.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

"MIGHTY TO SAVE"

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*Everyone needs compassion A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior the hope of nations*

Chorus: *Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave;
Jesus conquered the grave*

*So take me as you find me - All my fears and failures. Fill my life again
I give my life to follow everything I believe in Now I surrender **Chorus***

*Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus [2x] **Chorus***

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Grant to us the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

"BLESS THE LORD" w/Psalm 103 and confession/absolution

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Chorus: *Bless the Lord O my soul; O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name
The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes*
Chorus

Pastor: Bless the Lord O my soul; all my inmost being

People: Praise His Holy name

Pastor: Bless the Lord O my soul

People: and forget not all His benefits

Pastor: He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases

People: He redeems our life from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion

Pastor: He satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's

People: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed

Pastor: He made known His ways to Moses; His deeds to the people of Israel

People: The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in love

Pastor: He will not always accuse nor will He harbor his anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities.

People: As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him.

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find* **Chorus**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

[Silent prayer for personal confession]

Pastor: Gracious Lord,

People: we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained 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.

People: Amen.

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
10,000 years and then forever more* **Chorus**

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*The Lord gives His precious, saving words.*)

Jeremiah 15:15–21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless." This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE (*With genuine love, overcome evil with good.*)

Romans 12:9–21

Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Pastor: Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,

People: but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL (*Jesus calls His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.*)

Matthew 16:21–28

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(*The Gospel is read.*)

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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.

"TAKE MY LIFE and LET IT BE"- CCLI song #4162843; 2003 worshiptogether.com; Words and music by F.R.Havergal, C. Tomlin, L. Giglio and H. A. Cesar Malan

*Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee,*

*Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee,
Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use Every power as You choose*

Here am I all of me take my life it's all for Thee

*Take my will and make it Thine It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart It is thine own It shall be thy royal throne
Take my love My Lord I pour at your feet it's treasure store
Take myself and I will be ever only all for Thee*

Here am I all of me take my life it's all for Thee

SERMON "Neighborly"

Sermon Text: Romans 12:9-21

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG - solo "I BELIEVE" Words and music by Wendysue Fluegge copyright 2006

*Her life was full of Christians in a loving cozy home
And as she grew she always knew she was saved by Christ alone
Church on Sunday morning nightly bedtime prayers
Her mom and dad were good at that teaching her how Jesus cares
And through the years she'd read and through the years she'd pray
And now she goes through life, she says*

*Chorus: I believe in Jesus he's the truth the life the way
I believe he saved me and that he's with me every day
And it's only by his grace I testify and I'm going home to heaven when I die*

*His home was always broken his mind was filled with doubt
No friend on earth and no self worth his heart was crying out
Then one day a neighbor stopped to shake his hand
And tell him of the God of love that could make him a new man
Right then and there they read right then and there they prayed
And from a heart now changed he said **Chorus***

*Everybody has a story different where or when or how
What really matters is that he saved them and they know him now
And through the years they grow empowered to profess
With all God's family confess* **Chorus**

*Chorus: I believe in Jesus he's the truth the life the way
I believe he saved me and that he's with me every day
And it's only by his grace I testify and I'm going home to heaven when I die*

*I don't deserve his mercy what a sinner I have been
And I'm so thankful he forgave me! and I live to praise him, Amen*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our world to trounce evil and its deception by His death upon the cross. With joyful hearts, we receive the victory over death and the grave, which He secured for us by rising from the tomb. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Give us faith to receive Your Son, Jesus Christ, to take up our cross daily, and to overcome the evil of our world with the goodness of the One who died for us all. With gratitude in our hearts, we praise You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

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*Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high. Lived that I might never die,
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.*

*Oh, the height of Jesus' love. Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea; Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me -wondrous thought; Found me when I sought Him not.*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord Were you there when they crucified my Lord
oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble - tremble Cause I was there when they crucified my Lord.*

*O my Savior, help afford by Your Spirit and Your Word
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.*

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*Lord I lift your name on high Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life I'm so glad you came to save us*

*You came from Heaven to earth to show the way
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave; from the grave to the sky Lord I lift your name on high.*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

"TAKE EVERY ASPECT"-words and music Wendysue Fluegge 1996/2016

**Take every aspect of my life Take every aspect Jesus Christ
Take every aspect and all I do Make every aspect more like You Make me more like You*

*When I look in the mirror I see - I see a sinner staring back at me
I see my failures - all my past mistakes. Lord I'm needing You to take *Chorus*

*Lord won't You take me; My talents, treasures, time
And use them daily to let Your glory shine
And I'll be seeing after You are through that I'll be living a life that's all brand new *Chorus*

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