

# REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TOP 10

## BIBLICAL VILLAINS



# DELILAH!



**Sunday, June 11, 2023, 9:00am**  
**Service of Prayer and Preaching**  
***Top 10 Villains...Delilah***

*Deceptive and cunning, Delilah tricked Samson into revealing the source of his strength. She then betrayed him into the hands of the Philistines, and walked away from the whole debacle rich with gold.*

***Prelude***

**#915, Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin. However great our trespass,  
    Whatever we have been, However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,  
    Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in Shall find a Father's welcome  
    And pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,  
    A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits; His blessed angels gather  
    Around the heav'nly gates. No question will be asked us  
    How often we have come; Although we oft have wandered,  
    It is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door, What should we do without You  
    When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem against us,  
    To drive us to despair, We know one gate is open,  
    One ear will hear our prayer.

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P: This is the day which the Lord has made,

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere,

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C: Teach me Your paths.**

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C: Your Word is truth.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**C: With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day, “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.”**

P: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**C: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously, let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

P: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**C: 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.**

## **Children’s Time**

### ***The Lord Began a Good Work In You*      Voice Choir**

#### **Judges 16, Various Verses**

Samson went to Gaza, and there he saw a prostitute, and he went in to her. The Gazites were told, “Samson has come here.” And they surrounded the place and set an ambush for him all night at the gate of the city. They kept quiet all night, saying, “Let us wait till the light of the morning; then we will kill him.” But Samson lay till midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is in front of Hebron....After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, “Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver.”....And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death. And he told her all his heart, and said to her, “A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man.”....When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and

called the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up again, for he has told me all his heart.”...She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th Chapter

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow Me.” And he rose and followed Him. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when He heard it, He said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: You shall have no other gods.

**C: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**



P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**C: 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.**

P: We pray together,

**C: 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.**

### ***#424 O CHRIST, YOU WALKED THE ROAD***

1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go. You faced with us temptation's  
pow'r And fought our ancient foe.

2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts. Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.

3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above. Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.

4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine, Lord, help us seek Your kingdom  
first; Our wills with Yours align.

5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go. Stay with us through  
temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

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**The Sermon                      *Delilah!***

**The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes**

**The Prayers of His Children**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

P: Together, we pray,



**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me, Amen.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C: Amen.**

### ***#921, On What Has Now Been Sown***

1 On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow; The pow'r is Thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs; Accept what is Thine own  
And pardon what is ours. Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here, May meet together thus  
When Thou and Thine appear And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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## **Announcements**

### ***Postlude***