

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

TOP 10

BIBLICAL  
VILLAINS



# JEZEBEL

**Sunday, July 9, 2023, 9:00am**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Top 10 Villains...Jezebel*

*You know you're evil when you have a World War II missile named after you!  
Jezebel was a heathen princess who married Ahab, king of Northern Israel.  
Plot twist, he turned out to be just as evil, and was heavily involved in idolatry  
and wicked schemes.*

***Prelude***

**#907, *God Himself Is Present***

**1 God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!**

**2 God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne  
surrounding. "Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and  
angels blending. Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your  
Church now raises.**

**3 Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit. Like the holy  
angels,  
Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You. Let Your will Ever still  
Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.**

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**P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

**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: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and  
praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God, and each  
other, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free  
ourselves from our sinful condition. Together, as His people, let us take refuge in**

the mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Jesus, and saying, God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon me, forgive me my sins, and lead me to everlasting life, Amen.**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

KYRIE LSB 204

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 204

**1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we  
sing—**

**Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped  
and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Together, let us pray,

**C: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days.  
Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at  
life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**



## Children's Time

### 1 Kings 21:1–21

Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. And after this Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." But Naboth said to Ahab, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food. But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?" And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death." And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead." As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead." And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. And you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, "Have you killed and also taken possession?"'" And you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: "In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood."'" Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered,

“I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord. Behold, I will bring disaster upon you. I will utterly burn you up, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Revelation 2:19-21**

I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**C: These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th Chapter.

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

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

P: Join with me as we profess our faith,

**C: APOSTLES' CREED**

*#702, My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray;

Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray

From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,

Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above,

A ransomed soul!

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**The Sermon**

*Jezebel*

**The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes**

**The Prayers of His Children:**

P: Lord, in Your mercy.      **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: ...as He has taught us,

**C: LORDS PRAYER**

**God's Benediction**

*#923, Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word Which through Your grace we now have heard.

Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

**2 We praise You for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear.**

**3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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## **Announcements**

### *Postlude*