



Sunday, September 3, 2023, 9:00am
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service, II
Top Ten Biblical Villains...satan

*The true definition of a villain.
satan tried to capture the attention for himself, take over the world and circumvent the
plans of THE Hero.
But when the Hero is Jesus, we definitely know this villain's plans are all in vain.*

Prelude

#875, Father, We Praise Thee

- 1 Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over, Active and watchful, stand we all before
Thee; Singing, we offer prayer and meditation: Thus we adore Thee.
- 2 Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions; Banish our weakness, health and
wholeness sending; Bring us to heaven, where Thy saints united Joy without ending.
- 3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us Thy salvation;
Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation.

Text: attr. Gregory I, c. 540–604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936

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

C: Amen.

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

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

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and
by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have
not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal
punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.
Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk
in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name, Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, 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.

C: Amen.

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST LSB 171

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

A The Lord be with you.

C and also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Children's Time

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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Revelation 12:1–9 [Sermon Text]

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her Child He might devour it. She gave birth to a male Child, One who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her Child was caught up to God and to His throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.” 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

666 O LITTLE FLOCK, FEAR NOT THE FOE

1 O little flock, fear not the foe Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow’r. And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o’er God’s saints Lasts but a little hour.

2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord. Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.

3 As true as God’s own Word is true, Not earth nor hell’s satanic crew
Against us shall prevail. Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God— Our vict’ry cannot fail.

4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer; Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again! So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise Forevermore. Amen.

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The Sermon *satan*

P: Please rise as we profess our faith,

C: NICENE CREED

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

OFFERTORY LSB 176

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The Prayers of His Children

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

PREFACE

LSB 177

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing,

SANCTUS LSB 178

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of our Lord

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

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 180

C

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

#975, Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims
are one, Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4 When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain; Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

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#966, Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

2 The nation You have blest May well Your love declare, From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care. For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand— Our thanks we pay.

3 May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green, Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen! May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise
A grateful song.

4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.

5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.

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#964, Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod Felt in the days when hope unborn had
died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our
parents sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our
bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on
the way; Thou who hast by Thy might Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path,
we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, true to our
native land.

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THANK THE LORD LSB 181

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Together, we pray,

C: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

God's Benediction

657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

1 A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious; He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe. With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He, Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us, We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage. His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it; For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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Postlude