



**Sunday, September 3, 2023, 11:15am**  
**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.*

### ***Opening Praise Song***

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Since we are gathered to worship and to assemble as one family around His Table, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins before our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness in the name of our Savior, Jesus.

*(We pause for a moment of silent prayer and confession.)*

P: O Lord our God, hear us as we pray,

**C: I confess that I have not walked in Your faithfulness,** turning away from You when I should be turning toward You.

P: Father, forgive.

**C: My love has not been genuine. I have not overcome evil with good.**

P: Have mercy, Lord Jesus.

**C: The grace You tell me to share with my friends and enemies is the mercy I also need.**

P: Renew, Spirit of truth.

**C: Remove my transgressions from me so that I may live as those who have been called by Your name, delighting in Your goodness to me in Christ. Amen.**

P: Through Jesus, crucified, risen, and coming again, you have been delivered from your enemies of sin, death, and the devil. Keep His saving, steadfast love before your eyes and walk by faith in His promises. As one called to be your Pastor and commissioned by Jesus to

deliver the delight of His Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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 to redeem His enemies and make them His friends. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

## **Children's Time**

### **Jeremiah 15:15–21**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Revelation 12:1-9 [Sermon Text]**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

### **(Matthew 16:21-28)**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

P: we profess our faith,

**C: Nicene Creed**

### ***Sermon Praise Song***

**The Sermon**                    *satan*

**The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes**

**The Prayers of His Children:**

P: O Lord,    **C: hear our prayer.**

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.**

**The Words of our Lord**

P: Together, we pray,

**C: Lords Prayer**

**The Distribution of Holy Communion**

P: Together, we pray,

**C: O God the Father, the source of all goodness, who in perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into this world to save and deliver us, we delight in the mercy we have unworthily received. We praise You for the sacred sharing of Jesus' body and blood and for the victory over the enemies of death and the grave that You offer to all who trust in Him. As we have received, so may we give, extending to others the grace the whole world needs; 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**

*Sending Praise Song*



**Ministry Announcements**