

Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

Hutchinson, MN
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## THIRTY YEARS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

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THE BOOK OF ACTS FOR TODAY

FAITH LUTHERAN SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

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Gathering Music “See a Victory”

**The weapon may be formed but it won't prosper.
When the darkness falls it won't prevail
'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph.
My God will never fail, My God will never fail.**

***Chorus:* I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory.
For the battle belongs to You Lord. I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory, For the battle belongs to You Lord.**

**There's power in the mighty Name of Jesus
Every war He wages He will win
I'm not backing down from any giant
I know how this story ends. I know how this story ends.**

**You take what the enemy meant for evil and
You turn it for good. You turn it for good.**

CCLI Song # 7129060 Ben Fielding | Chris Brown | Jason Ingram | Steven Furtick
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“Do It Again”

**Walking around these walls I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet. Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won for you have never failed me yet.**

***Chorus:* Your promise still stands, Great is your faithfulness. Faithfulness.
I'm still in your hands, this is my confidence you've never failed me yet.**

**I know the night won't last, Your word will come to pass.
My heart will sing your praise again. Jesus you're still enough.
Keep me within your love, my heart will sing your praise again.**

**I've seen you move, You move the mountains. And I believe I'll see you
do it again. You made a way where there was no way and I believe
I'll see you do it again.**

You've never failed me yet. I never will forget. (repeat)

CCLI Song # 7067555 Chris Brown | Mack Brock | Matt Redman | Steven Furtick
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Greeting/Announcements

Song “King of Heaven”

**Jesus let Your kingdom come here, Let Your will be done here in us.
Jesus there is no one greater. You alone are Savior show the world
Your love.**

***Chorus:* King of heaven come down. King of heaven come now.
Let Your glory reign shining like the day. King of heaven come.
King of heaven rise up, Who can stand against us? You are strong
to save in Your mighty name. King of heaven come.**

We are children of Your mercy, rescued for Your glory. We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You. That ev'ry eye would see You lifted high.

**King of heaven come, King of heaven come
King of heaven come, Oh King of heaven come.**

CCLI Song # 5997804 Jason Ingram | Paul Baloche
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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Song “King of My Heart”

**Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart
be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life. Oh, He is my song.**

Chorus: You are good, good, oh. (repeat 4x)

**Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart
be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days. Oh, He is my song. *Chorus*
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (repeat 4x) *Chorus*
When the night is holding on to me God is holding on. (repeat)**

CCLI Song # 7046145 John Mark McMillan | Sarah McMillan
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Prayer of the Day

Lord God, by your divine election, you transformed the life of your apostle Paul and, through his preaching, you established one Church from among the nations. Send your Holy Spirit to work in us, day by day, that same transformation, so that we may follow Paul's example and witness boldly to the truth revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away
The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.'

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Second Reading Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus,

whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’ But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.’ But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.’ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’ All who heard him were amazed and said, ‘Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?’ Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Faith Seeds Kaitlyn Kellerman, Summer Intern
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone. Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.

Gospel Luke 21:10-19

Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand

you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Sermon “Divine Reversal” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “Highlands”

O how high would I climb mountains if the mountains were where You hide. O how far I'd scale the valleys if You graced the other side. O how long have I chased rivers from lowly seas to where they rise against the rush of grace descending from the source of its supply. 'Cause in the highlands and the heartache You're neither more or less inclined. I would search and stop at nothing, You're just not that hard to find.

***Chorus:* Oh I will praise You on the mountain, I will praise You when the mountain's in my way. You're the summit where my feet are So I will praise You in the valleys all the same. No less God within the shadows, No less faithful when the night leads me astray. You're the heaven where my heart is. In the highlands and the heartache all the same.**

O how far beneath Your glory does Your kindness extend the path? From where Your feet rest on the sunrise to where You sweep the sinner's past. And O how fast would You come running if just to shadow me through the night, Trace my steps through all my failure and walk me out the other side. For who could dare ascend that mountain, that valleyed hill called Calvary, But for the One I call Good Shepherd, who like a lamb was slain for me.

Chorus

Whatever I walk through, wherever I am, Your Name can move mountains Wherever I stand. And if ever I walk through the valley of death I'll sing through the shadows my song of ascent. My song of ascent, whoa, whoa. My song of ascent, whoa, whoa. From the gravest of all valleys come the pastures we call grace. A mighty river flowing upwards from a deep but empty grave.

Chorus

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Offering "Cornerstone"

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.**

(repeat)

**Chorus: Christ alone, cornerstone, weak made strong
in the Saviour's love. Through the storm. He is Lord, Lord of all.**

**When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.**

He is Lord, Lord of all

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless stand before the throne.**

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Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Benediction

Sending Song "My Lighthouse"

**In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures, You won't walk out.
You great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**In my silence, You won't let go, In my questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

Chorus: My lighthouse, My lighthouse, shining in the darkness,
I will follow you. My Lighthouse, My lighthouse, I will trust the promise,
You will carry me Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh), Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-
oh-oh) Safe to shore. (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore!

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea.
You are the peace in my troubled sea *Chorus*

Fire before us You're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms.

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“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today's Worship Theme: Acts 9:1-22

- † Why is it good news that God accepts us just as we are? Why would that also be bad news?
- † What motivated Saul's hatred and persecution of the Way (Christianity)?
- † How did the risen Jesus completely reverse Saul's life?
- † How does Jesus work the same reversal in our lives today?