

RED LETTER

CHALLENGE



LIFE CHANGING 40 DAY EXPERIENCE

WEEK 3: FORGIVING

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

October 2, 2022

10:45 a.m.

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by **Jim and Pat Hrasky** in celebration of their **60th Wedding Anniversary** and thankfulness for their children and grandchildren.

Also, flowers are given in celebration of
Dean and Shirley Hemmer's 72nd Wedding Anniversary to the glory of God.
God's continued blessings to both couples!

As We Gather

This 40-Day study is a challenge to live more like Jesus so that our lives become a better testimony to the world. Jesus had a lot to say about how we as His followers are called to live our lives. The RLC takes Christ's literal words and gives us practical daily challenges based on those words. (In some bibles, Jesus' words are printed in RED LETTERS.) You'll learn how to deepen your relationship with Jesus, receive God's forgiveness and give grace to others, increase your heart for serving, live more generously, and gain confidence to speak about what Jesus has done in your life.

Great Things by Jonas Myrin and Phil Wickham

**Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things**

**Chorus
O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things**

**You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things Chorus**

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all

Hallelujah God unshakable

Hallelujah You have done great things

(REPEAT)

You've done great things Chorus

Ending

You have done great things

O God You do great things

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Psalms 103, selected verses

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: **The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

People: **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: **as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!**

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Chorus:

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before,
O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes Chorus**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus**

**And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! Chorus**

Sacrament of Baptism

Aubrey Lauren Moeller

The Apostles' Creed

No Longer Slaves by Jonathan David Helser and Melissa Helser

**You unravel me with melody.
You surround me with a song of deliverance
From my enemies till all my fears are gone.**

Chorus:

**I'm no longer a slave to fear;
I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear;
I am a child of God.**

**From my mother's womb You have chosen me;
Love has called my name.
I've been born again into Your family;
Your blood flows through my veins. Chorus (2 times)**

**You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing;
I am a child of God. (repeat) Chorus**

Epistle

1 John 2:1–7

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

⁷Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

Cantate

Won by One

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:36–50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰And Jesus

answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Children's Message

Forgiveness by Matthew West

**It's the hardest thing to give away
And the last thing on your mind today
It always goes to those who don't deserve
It's the opposite of how you feel
When the pain they caused is just too real
It takes everything you have to say the word
Forgiveness forgiveness**

**It flies in the face of all your pride
It moves away the mad inside
It's always anger's own worst enemy
Even when the jury and the judge
Say you've got a right to hold a grudge
It's the whisper in your ear sayin' set it free
Forgiveness forgiveness
Forgiveness forgiveness**

Chorus

**Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness forgiveness
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness**

**It'll clear the bitterness away
It can even set a prisoner free
There is no end to what its power can do
So let it go and be amazed
By what you see through eyes of grace
The prisoner that it really frees is you
Forgiveness forgiveness
Oh forgiveness forgiveness**

Chorus

**Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness I want to finally set if free
Show me how to see what Your mercy sees
Help me now to give what You gave to me
Forgiveness oh forgiveness
Forgiveness forgiveness
Forgiveness**

Sermon

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All Things New by David Leonard and Michael Weaver

**I've heard You can take what's broken
And make it whole again
Well here's the pieces of my heart
What can You do with them
'Cause I can't hold them all together anymore
So I let them fall surrendered to the floor**

Chorus

**You make all things new
You make all things new
God of mercy and love
Do what only You can do
And make all things (new)**

**Only You can bring such beauty
From the depths of all my pain
Only You can take this shattered heart
And make it beat again
Oh You hold us all together in Your hands
I surrender all I have and all I am Chorus**

Bridge

**From the ashes from the dust
I will rise up rise up
Out of darkness into the light
I will rise up rise up (Repeat)**

Chorus

**You make all things new
You make all things new
God of mercy and love
Do what only You can do
And make all things
All things You make all things new**

Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Rescuer

by Benjamin Hasting, Bryan Fowler, Chris Llewellyn, and Gareth Gilkeson

Chorus

He's our Rescuer

He's our Rescuer

We are free from sin forevermore

Oh how sweet the sound

Oh how grace abounds

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 1

There is good news for the captive

Good news for the shamed

There is good news for the one who walked away

There is good news for the doubter

The one religion failed

For the good Lord has come to seek and save

Verse 2

He is beauty for the blind man

Riches for the poor

He is friendship for the one the world ignores

He is pasture for the weary

Rest for those who strive

Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Bridge

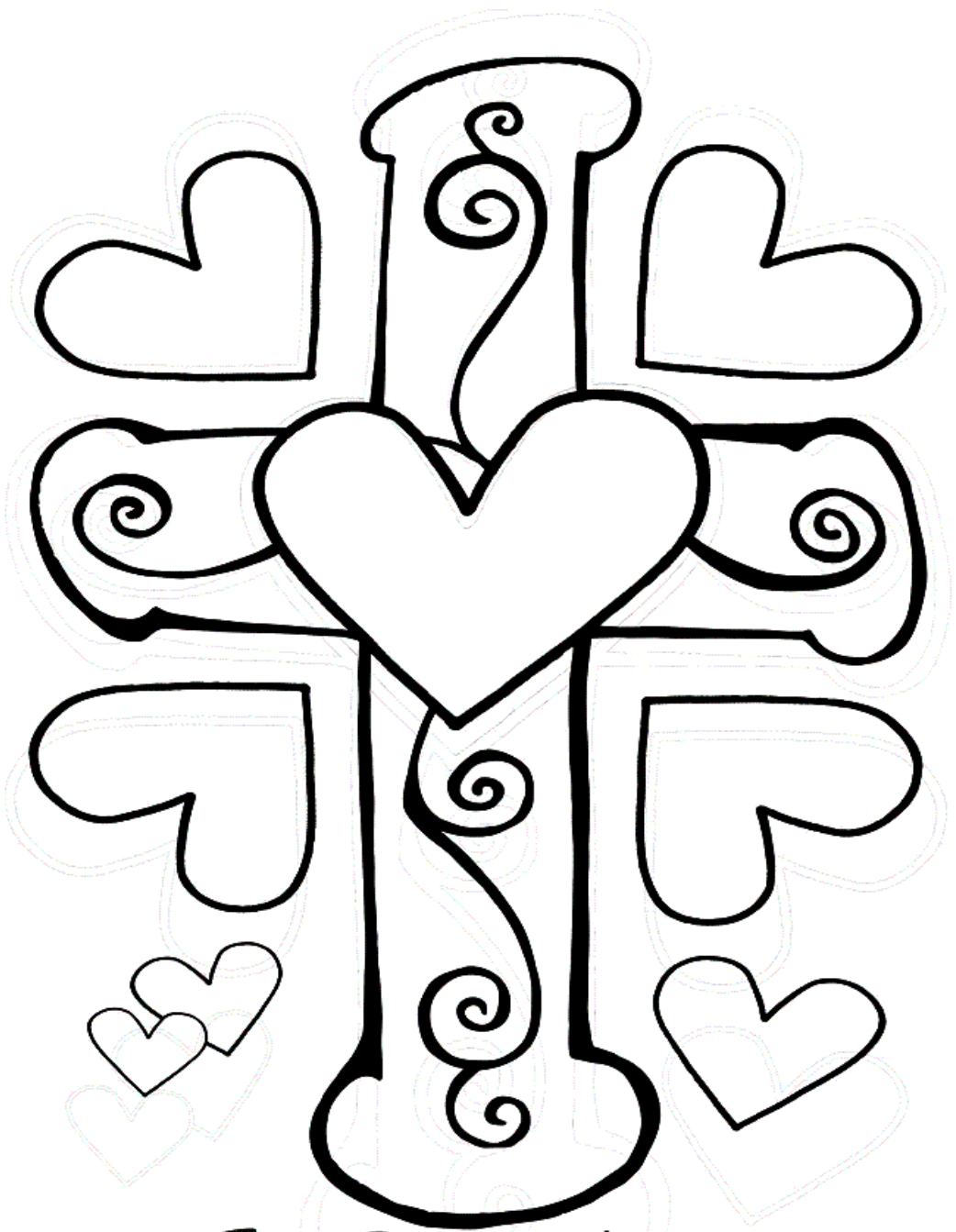
So come and be chainless

Come and be fearless

Come to the foot of Calvary

There is redemption for every affliction

Here at the foot of Calvary



Jesus Brings Salvation

Worship Leaders:	Pastor Chris A. Spelbring Seminarian Wesley Johnson
Children's Message:	Jaime Brinkmann, DCE Youth Ministries
Elder on Duty:	Matt Berry
Vocals and Band:	Vocals—Luke Mandeville, Mark Wehmeyer; Guitar—Mark Wehmeyer, acoustic; Jake Meyer, electric; Bass Guitar—Steve Westlund; Drums—Erik Westlund; Keyboard—Dawn Tayon
Sound/Video/Camera:	Donna Summers/Lisa Peters/Emalee Peters, Lane Stelling
Acolytes:	Connor Long
Ushers:	Pat Mandeville, Andy Dotterman, Steve Dahm

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Hearing Impaired

Worshippers may request a personal radio amplifier from an usher. These can be used anywhere in the sanctuary.

Sight Saving Editions

Large print copies of this Worship Bulletin and Bibles are available from an usher.

Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest and keeping hands folded. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.