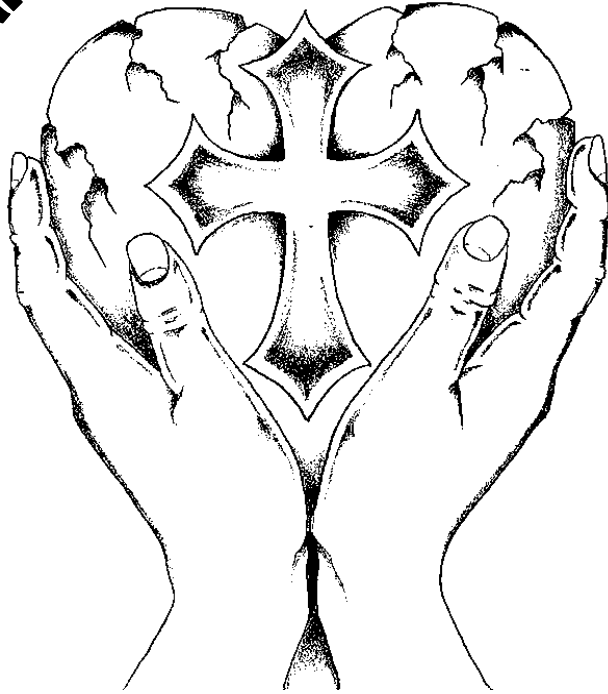


Take Heart: Overcoming a World of Loss



Losing Relationships: Overcoming Separation

March 1, 2023 A.D. + 6:30 p.m. + Zion Lutheran Church + Wausau, Wisconsin

Midweek Preaching Series:

**“Take Heart:
Overcoming a World of Loss”**

*Every Wednesday in Lent + 12:15 and 6:30 PM
Soup-to-Go, 1-3 PM + Soup Suppers, 5:15-6:15 PM*

What have you lost? It seems we're always losing something: time, money, relationships, loved ones, dreams, and even our selves. In many ways, loss sets the conditions of human life. Does God have anything to say to such a world of loss?

*Feb. 22: **Losing Our Selves: Overcoming Sin***

March 1: Losing Relationships: Overcoming Separation

March 8: Losing Loved Ones: Overcoming Death

March 15: Losing Dreams: Overcoming Disappointment

March 22: Losing Our Grip: Overcoming Need

March 29: Losing Faith: Overcoming Doubt

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PRELUDE

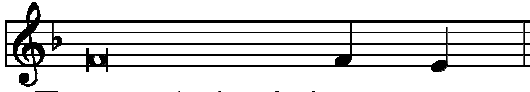
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ... John A. Behnke and Robert Hobby

RINGING OF THE BELLS

*After the bells have rung, please stand and face the back.
The Paschal Candle, symbolizing Christ, is carried into the congregation.*

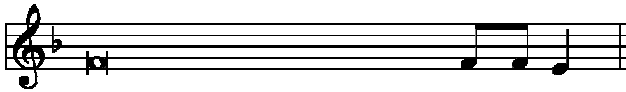
SERVICE OF LIGHT

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;



C now is the day of sal - va - tion.

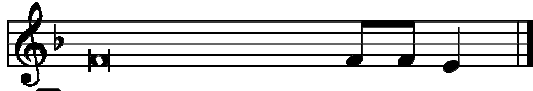
P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,



C that the light of Your face may shine on us.

*The opening responses
are sung a cappella,
(without organ
accompaniment).*

P: May your justice shine like the sun;



C and may the poor be lift - ed up.

P: Joyous light of glory:



C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



P: Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Please kneel.

PSALMODY *Psalm 141*

☐ Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice

when I cry to You. **☐** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence for reflection.

P: Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

PSALMODY *Psalm 133*

P: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

C: It is like the precious oil on the head,

P: running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

C: running down on the collar of his robes!

P: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

C: **For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

Silence for reflection.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord God, you have poured into our hearts the precious oil of your Spirit of love. Make us of one heart and of one will, so that we may be true members of the body of Jesus Christ, united as he has commanded us; and to you be the glory now and forever.

C: **Amen**

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

... LSB #426

FIRST LESSON Philippians 2:1-8

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

P: To you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in | you I trust.

C: **The Lord is my | shepherd; ***
I shall not | be in want.

P: You are the God of my sal | vation; *
for you I wait | all day long.

C: **The Lord is my | shepherd; ***
I shall not | be in want.

P: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit.

C: **The Lord is my | shepherd; ***
I shall not | be in want.

SECOND LESSON John 13:21b-38

²¹After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, ²⁴so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. ³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ³⁶Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." ³⁷Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me?"

Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

... LSB #845

SERMON "Losing Relationships: Overcoming Separation"

VERSICLES

P: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C: **But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

Please stand. The Magnificat appears on the next page.

MAGNIFICAT

Refrain

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -

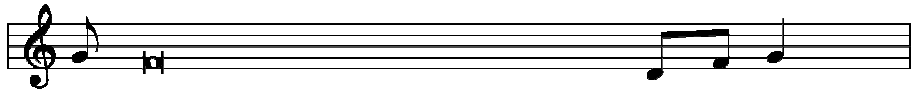
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the

Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

- 1 For _____ He has re - garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

- 1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
- 2 and holy is His name;
- 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

- 1 For be - hold, from this day
- 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
- 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
- 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
- 5 as it was in the be - ginning,



1 all generations will call me blessed.
2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

Please kneel.

LITANY

Each petition will end with "let us pray to the Lord," to which the congregation responds,



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: *(silence for meditation)*

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.



C To You, O Lord.

EVENING PRAYER



P: I thank you, my heavenly | Father*,

C: through Jesus Christ, | your dear Son,

that you have | graciously*
kept | me this day;

and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I | have done
wrong*,
and graciously keep | me this night.

For into your hands I com - | mend myself*,
my body and soul, | and all things.

Let your holy angel | be with me*,
that the evil foe may have no power over me. | Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: **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**

Please stand.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✕ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.



☐ A - men.

HYMN "Abide with Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

POSTLUDE

"Abide with Me"

... Benjamin M. Culli

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(Pr. Gjerde to Bethany)

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Church Offerings may be placed in the wall-box to the left of the chapel chancel.

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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