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OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

AS WE GATHER

In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God's desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good. In our worship service today, we receive the same Jesus who once overcame evil by carrying His cross to suffer for our salvation. Trouncing over all the evil we will ever face, our risen Savior lives to love, to bless, and to deliver us as His people.

+ PREPARATION +







INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8-9

- 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.
- Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

Silent prayer for personal confession

- P Gracious Lord.
- we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
- P God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Delight yourself in the Lord,
- and He will give you the desires of your heart.
- **P** Commit your way to the Lord;
- c trust in Him, and He will act.
- P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
- and your justice as the noonday.
- P Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him;
- fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- **P** Delight yourself in the Lord,
- and He will give you the desires of your heart.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Enable us to stand in the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O 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.

¹⁶Your 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.

¹⁷I 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.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore 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.

20 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.

21 will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 26

- Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
- and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
- Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.
- For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.
- P I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.
- P I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O Lord,
- proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.
- P O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
- **P** in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- My foot stands on level ground;
- in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

VERSE Matthew 16:25

- P Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,
- but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:21–28

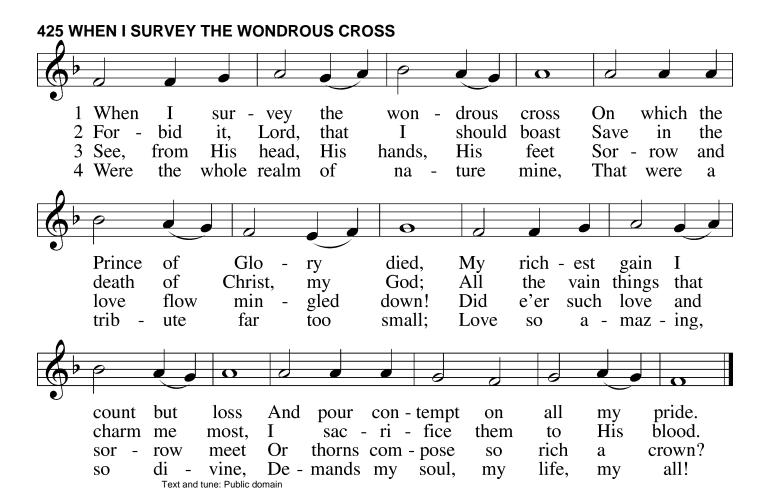
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From 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.

²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But 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."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For 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? ²⁷For 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. ²⁸Truly, 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all disciples of Jesus Christ, both here at [name of the local congregation] and throughout the world, that we not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, let us pray to the Lord.

- Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.
- For the fulfillment of the Great Commission, that wherever the good news of salvation in Christ is proclaimed, hearts turn to the Lord and live, let us pray to the Lord.
- Bless us, Jesus, as we tell of You.

- For all servant leaders in the church and in the world, that their work for our blessing show forth the goodness of Christ to the world He died to save, let us pray to the Lord.
- Bless us, Jesus, as we serve You.
- For the blessing of all who hunger and thirst, for all who are weary and heavy-laden, and for all who are without house or income, that they seek the restoration the Lord's good hand provides, let us pray to the Lord.
- Bless us, Jesus, as we are cared for by You.
- For all who willingly put themselves in the path of evil for the sake of other people's good, including military members, law enforcement officers, and emergency workers, that they be protected by the Lord's mighty hand, let us pray to the Lord.
- Bless us, Jesus, as we are protected by You.
- For all who ail in heart, mind, and body, [especially . . .], that they be touched by the healing hand of our Savior and filled with the presence of His comforting Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- Bless us, Jesus, as we are healed by You.
- For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.
- Bless us, Jesus, as we trust You to hear and answer our prayers. Amen.

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

Romans 12:21; Numbers 6:24-26

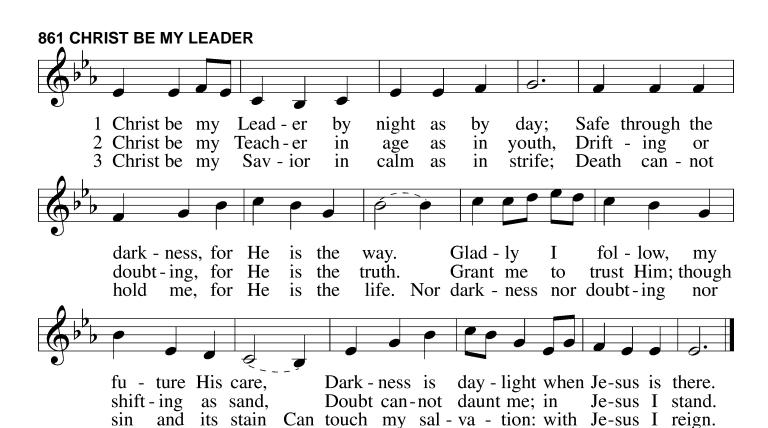
- P Do not be overcome by evil,
- **C** but overcome evil with good.
- P Go forth with the blessing of your good and gracious God:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.



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Prayers

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanks for **Rachel Tietjen, Eric Church and Jessica Heiden** who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Prayers of thanks for **Bob & Marsha Olsen** who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries this week.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Paul and Rita Summerson's baby girl that is due late August, and for no complications during pregnancy and delivery.

Prayers of Comfort and Healing

For all who suffer from **anxiety and depression.**

Prayers for comfort and understanding for all those who are battling cancer.

Comfort for Rory Mulvaney as he has lupus and is end stage renal failure.

for Chuck, the cousin of Jeff T. Chuck is 70 years old and has been diagnosed with COVID-19 which he is struggling with.

For Kevin Bobish who has cancer.

Other Prayers

Safety for all who are traveling.

All who serve in our **armed forces** and their **families**.

Blessings for Teachers students and parents as they start a new school year.

Can we pray for you? Share your prayer requests by email at office@concordiapullman.org or fill out one of the white cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate.