

FINDING LIFE IN A SPIRITUAL DROUGHT



GOD, YOU'RE ASKING A LOT FROM ME!

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: Make me to know your ways, O Lord.

C: Teach me Your paths.

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: Your Word is truth.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised!

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: This morning we hear the story of Obadiah, a servant of God who found himself in the middle of the conflict between God and the forces of evil and idolatry, between Elijah and King Ahab. Being in the middle meant putting his life on the line. Even more, it meant putting his trust in God. In reality, that's what we do every time we confess our sins to God — we put our trust in God's mercy and forgiveness as we rightly state that we "justly deserve His present and eternal punishment." And that is what God asks of us. To turn to Him with repentant hearts, trusting in His grace poured out upon us through His Son, Jesus Christ. So, let us come before the Lord.

Please take a moment for silent reflection and confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 or trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon 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.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P: The Scripture says, "there is one God, and there is one mediator (one man in the middle) between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all". (1 Timothy 2:5-6). It is for His sake that God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

SONG

"I Set My Hope on Jesus"



HOLY BAPTISM

Maggie Anne Thevis

Parents: Josh and Amanda Thevis
Sponsor: Alicia Fontenot

SONG

“Sing Over Your Children”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 18:1-16

After many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, “Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth.” ² So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria. ³ And Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly, ⁴ and when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.) ⁵ And



Ahab said to Obadiah, “Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys. Perhaps we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, and not lose some of the animals.” ⁶ So they divided the land between them to pass through it. Ahab went in one direction by himself, and Obadiah went in another direction by himself. ⁷ And as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him. And Obadiah recognized him and fell on his face and said, “Is it you, my lord Elijah?” ⁸ And he answered him, “It is I. Go, tell your lord, ‘Behold, Elijah is here.’” ⁹ And he said, “How have I sinned, that you would give your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me?” ¹⁰ As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. And when they would say, ‘He is not here,’ he would take an oath of the kingdom or nation, that they had not found you. ¹¹ And now you say, ‘Go, tell your lord, “Behold, Elijah is here.”’ ¹² And as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the LORD will carry you I know not where. And so, when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth. ¹³ Has it not been told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water? ¹⁴ And now you say, ‘Go, tell your lord, “Behold, Elijah is here”’; and he will kill me.” ¹⁵ And Elijah said, “As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.” ¹⁶ So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.

E: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand



P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.*
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



P: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

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MESSAGE

**FINDING LIFE IN A SPIRITUAL DROUGHT:
*God, You're Asking a Lot From Me!***

Pastor John Davis

Please stand

SONG

“Surrounding Me”

PRAYERS

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.

(Matthew 6:9–13)

BLESSING

*P: 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.*

(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

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