

# LENTEN MIDWEEK 2

The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil

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## AS WE GATHER

*Who is the greatest conqueror ever to have walked on earth? Using the criterion of how much territory a conqueror ruled over, the Mongol warrior Genghis Khan could be considered the greatest conqueror in history. At the peak of his power in the thirteenth century AD, his rule extended over 4,860,000 square miles. Coming in at the second spot was the Macedonian ruler Alexander the Great. The borders of his empire in the fourth century BC included much of Europe and North Africa and parts of the Middle East and Asia, which totaled some 2,180,000 square miles. History reveals that those massive empires did not survive long past the deaths of these warrior leaders. In our worship, we acknowledge Jesus Christ as the “Conqueror renowned” (LSB 554:1) who “triumphed over cross and grave” (LSB 551:4). His coming to earth to bring about a matchless victory for us over evil and all that oppresses us is eternal and limitless!*

## HYMN #437 – “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Tune: Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824  
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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## PSALM

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

People: **Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

Pastor: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

People: **what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?**

Pastor: Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

People: **You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,**

Pastor: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

People: **the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

**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.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, for the joy set before Him, Your Son, Jesus, endured the suffering of the cross. In our suffering, O Lord, strengthen our faith that we may know Your companionship in our darkest hours; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Genesis 3:14–15*  
(The consequences of the first sin)

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER RESPONSE

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, when we, by our sin, had fallen away from You, You graciously came down to us. You became man to save humanity. You lived among us in lowliness that we may live with You in glory. You endured Satan’s attacks for us that You could crush the serpent’s head for us. By Your humble incarnation, Your life of purity and selfless service, and Your sacrificial death, You have redeemed us. Therefore, God our Father has highly exalted You and put everything under Your feet, and we humbly bow before You, for You are our Lord, and You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 11:14–23*  
(Jesus casts out a demon.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will

be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### HYMN #422 – “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

To the tune of #347



Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

1 On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!

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## **SERMON**

### **CREED**

**People:** 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.**

### **RESPONSIVE LITANY**

**Pastor:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People:** **Let our cry come to You.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, in the fullness of time, You sent the promised offspring, Your Son,  
Jesus Christ, to save us.

**People:** **By His redeeming death, He has crushed the serpent's head for us.**

**Pastor:** Saved from sin, death, and the devil by His holy, precious blood and His innocent  
suffering and death,

**People:** **help us to find healing in His wounds**

**Pastor:** and grant us eyes of faith

**People:** **to see that His cross is, for us, the tree of life.**

**Pastor:** Throughout these forty days, O Lord, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus

**People:** **and help us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us,**

**Pastor:** until the day when we and all the faithful rest and rejoice with You in paradise

**People:** and experience the fullness of Your peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Pastor:** Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

***Silent prayer***

**Pastor:** Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**People:** 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

Pastor: The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.  
People: Amen.

## HYMN #543 – “What Wondrous Love Is This”



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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