



**+ PENTECOST 17 SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 10:45 BLENDED III +**

Conquering Conflict

### **Prelude**

### **As We Gather**

There is a war going on. It is quite evident in the outward conflicts within society. In today's Epistle, James reveals that the struggle continues within each of us. Our passions are often opposed to God. By His death and resurrection Jesus has won the victory over outward and inward warfare. His grace assures us of daily and eternal peace.

### **Welcome**

**+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP +**

**Opening Song "Forever Jesus" (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme Song)**

**My hymn of praise shall be forever Jesus**

**My firm foundation in shifting sands**

**My strength and hope**

**Through many fears and failures**

**The disappointments of the past**

**His constant love has held me fast**

**So for all my days**

**I will sing my praise**

**To the King forever Jesus**

**Though the storms may rage**

**He is strong to save**

**He's the King forever Jesus**

**My song of joy will be forever Jesus**

**Who bore my suff'ring who made a way**

**His life a gift His death a precious ransom**

**That wipes the sinner's guilt away**

**And turns my night to glorious day**

**So for all my days**

**I will sing my praise**

**To the King forever Jesus**

**Though the storms may rage**

**He is strong to save**

**He's the King forever Jesus**

**My final breath shall be forever Jesus  
When shadows lengthen before my eyes  
My Lord and friend  
Companion through the valley  
When dearest ones are left behind  
His hand will lead me to the Light**

**So for all my days I will sing my praise  
To the King forever Jesus  
Though the storms may rage  
He is strong to save  
He's the King forever Jesus  
When I meet his gaze  
I will sing my praise  
To the King forever Jesus  
All my sorrows past I am home at last  
With my King forever Jesus  
With my King forever Jesus  
With my King forever Jesus**

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### **Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

### **Opening Sentences**

- A** Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
**C** **praise the name of the LORD!**
- P** Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!  
**C** **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

## Confession and Absolution

**A** In today's Epistle, James urges, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." Let us go to God, echoing David's words in Psalm 54, appointed for today.

**P** O God, save me, by Your name,  
**C** **and vindicate me by Your might.**

**A** O God, hear my prayer;  
**C** **give ear to the words of my mouth.**

**A** James' words in today's Epistle guide our confession. Gracious God,  
**C** **we confess that as we have desired friendship with the world, we forget that it would mean enmity with God. We confess that our passions are at war within us. We have had bitter jealousy and selfish ambition inside us. In all humility, we come to You, holy Lord, seeking Your peace to calm the war within us.**

**P** God has not given up on you! He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us. Indeed, He gives more grace. James writes, "A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace," and in His death and resurrection, Jesus gave us His righteousness and established peace between us and God. 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.**

**A** Behold, God is my helper;  
**C** **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

- P** With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;  
**C** **I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

### **Song of Forgiveness SSP 40**

**I will not boast in anything.  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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### **Prayer of the Day**

**A** Let us pray.

O God, in Your infinite grace You have forgiven our warring against Your will and rule.

**C** **Grant that the peace our Lord has won will be evident in our humble service to You and the people around us each day;**

**A** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## + WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

### Old Testament

Jerimiah 11: 18-20

*(The prophet relies on God's protection as his opponents plot against him.)*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew;  
then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me  
they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more."

<sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,  
who tests the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

James 3:13-4:10

*(The apostle proclaims God's peace even as we struggle with inner warfare.)*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open

to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

Mark 9: 30-37

*(After prophesying His death and resurrection, Jesus teaches the disciples how to serve humbly.)*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill

him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

**C** **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.**

### **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" LSB 851**

**Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the\_unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?**

**Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.**

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**Message** "Conquering Conflict" James 3: 13-4:10

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

For all people who suffer feeling unseen and unheard, that they come to trust that they are loved and held by grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For all people who suffer under the weight of their desires, that they take courage to let go of fear, fanning into flame the gift of faith and growing in power and love and self-control, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all people who have heard the good news of forgiveness by grace, through faith, for Jesus' sake, but struggle to forgive themselves or other people who have hurt them, that they free themselves by letting go of resentments of every kind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For all families and every relationship. Help our earthly families to reflect the love, honor, and sacrifice of our eternal family to come. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially those we lift to You this day, Kurt Hyde, Gray, Liz, Amamda Kieth, Kirk Kessler, Roger & Peggy Kindt, Jessily & Eulan King. Bless the children of our CLC Jeremiah, Anabella, Colby, Caleb, along with their parents and our staff. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all people who are sick or suffer with any affliction of body, mind, or spirit especially, Kathy Wuzbach, Laura Vickers, Carla Tennyson, Glenda Peters, Christine Folman, John Randolph, Elaine, Bonnie, Jamie, Will Robertson, Chad Klotz, Myles A Dempsey Jr, Rosa (Trevino) Kiphen, Steve

Keith, Jason Taylor, Greg Coleman, Jane Donnica, Betty Hatfield, Erik Peterson, Kathy Gillis, Kathy & Curtis Carlson, Henry Helmke, Delpha Kessler, Denny Emerson, Jeremy Richard, Betty Williams, Steve Tieken, Bill Mischen, Barbara Kerber, Paul Bruns, Betty Tucker, Debbie Taboada, Gernot Arbruster, Donna Krueger, Dan Benson, Tammy Tolbert, Tisha Robinson, Henry Bader, Benny Broadway, Liz Glass, Brian Krueger, Bruce Zehms, that they experience healing when cures remain elusive, peace when overwhelmed by trials, and joy in the midst of sorrows, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For all people to whom death draws near, that they face the end of their time on this earth in the faith that all things are being made new, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who has taught 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.**

**Offertory** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Instrumental Ensemble

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**Communion Instructions**

*For those intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

**Prepare our Hearts for Communion**

1. Do I believe that I am sinful without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. His gracious victory has given us peace within, where there was conflict and war. With joy, we receive the salvation He won for us.
- A** Gathered now in His name, we ask You to strengthen our faith to rely on Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, gracious God, we give glory now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**Song of Sacrifice "Lamb of God " SSP 13**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you break the chains of hatred and fear;  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you are the way of justice and peace:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you are the way of mercy and love:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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### **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Distribution Hymn "Lead Me To the Cross" LSB 35**

**Saviour I come quiet my soul  
Remember redemption's hill  
Where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom**

**Ev'rything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss**

**Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Oh lead me lead me to the cross**

**You were as I tempted and tried human  
The word became flesh  
Bore my sin in death  
Now You're risen**

**Ev'rything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss**

**Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees**

**Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Oh lead me lead me to the cross**

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**Distribution Hymn "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" LSB 743**

**Jesus, priceless treasure,  
Fount of purest pleasure,  
    Truest friend to me,  
Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish,  
    Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
    Thou art mine,  
    O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;  
Naught I ask beside Thee.**

**In Thine arms I rest me;  
Foes who would molest me  
    Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev'ry heart be quaking,  
    Jesus calms my fear.  
    Lightnings flash  
    And thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.**

**Satan, I defy thee;  
Death, I now decry thee;  
    Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me**



**Nor thy threats alarm me  
While I sing of peace.  
God's great pow'r  
Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore Him,  
Silent bow before Him.**

**Hence, all earthly treasure!  
Jesus is my pleasure,  
Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory!  
Naught to me thy story  
Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss,  
Or shame or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior move me  
Since He deigns to love me.**

**Evil world, I leave thee;  
Thou canst not deceive me,  
Thine appeal is vain.  
Sin that once did blind me,  
Get thee far behind me,  
Come not forth again.  
Past thy hour,  
O pride and pow'r;  
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
Leave thee now forever.**

**Hence, all fear and sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father,**

**Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er  
I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!**

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### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

- A** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,
- C** **and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**
- A** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Song of Blessing "Thanks Be to You" SSP 14**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy!  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
Thanks be to you forever!**

**From of old you loved and sought us!  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us:  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Strong is your faithfulness,**

**strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy!  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!**

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### **Benediction**

- A** Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.
- C** **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.**
- P** The blessing of God almighty—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—  
be with you, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Song** "Build Your Kingdom Here" SSP 42

**Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us**

**We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth**

**Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray**

**Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth**

**Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land**

**Set Your church on fire**  
**Win this nation back**  
**Change the atmosphere**  
**Build Your kingdom here we pray**

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## **Postlude**

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