

THEME OF THE DAY: There's a plan where all things work for our good and the Father's glory. The secret is in understanding how it all works together. Job puts it this way—"When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." (Job 23:10)

(6:20 p.m.) **HYMN REQUEST:**

Congregational requests, sing 1-2 verses

PRELUDE: (8:30 a.m.) "Prelude in D Minor"

by JS Bach

(6:30 p.m.) "Armenian Lullaby"

Bell Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"My Song Is Love Unknown" (LSB 430, vs. 1-4)



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

INVOCATION:

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

C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(Based upon Job 19:23-27)

L: Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll.

C: That they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!

L: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.

L: I myself will see him with my own eyes, I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: Loving and merciful Father, when overcome by grief like Job, we wonder what happened to your love and your plan for our lives.

C: It feels as though our prayers fall on deaf ears.

P: Like Job, we begin looking for you to the east, to the west, to the north and to the south—the four points of the horizon and the compass—but you are nowhere to be found.

C: The darkness threatens to swallow us whole and we feel as though we are drowning in an ocean of divine silence.

P: Lord, then we are tempted to do something selfish and sinful

C: Or something that will bring great shame upon us and those we love.

ALL: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Hear the word of the LORD from Job 42:10, “The LORD restored the fortunes of Job and gave him twice as much as he had before.” Our God also turned Christ’s crucifixion into an awesome resurrection. He who was dead is now alive and he who was once defeated is now reigning in everlasting glory. Christ forgives you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!

HYMN:

“My Song Is Love Unknown” (LSB 430, vs. 7)

7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father, empower us to believe that when you have tested us, we will come forth as gold, for you work all things together for our good and your everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFLECT THE THEME
OF GOD'S PLAN IN OUR SUFFERING**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Job 23:1-17

P: ¹Then Job answered and said: ²“Today also my complaint is bitter; my hand is heavy on account of my groaning. ³Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat! ⁴I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me. ⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; he would pay attention to me. ⁷There an upright man could argue with him, and I would be acquitted forever by my judge. ⁸“Behold, I go forward, but he is not there, and backward, but I do not perceive him; ⁹on the left hand when he is working, I do not behold him; he turns to the right hand, but I do not see him. ¹⁰But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold. ¹¹My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and have not turned aside. ¹²I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food. ¹³But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him back? What he desires, that he does. ¹⁴For he will complete what he appoints for me, and many such things are in his mind. ¹⁵Therefore I am terrified at his presence; when I consider, I am in dread of him. ¹⁶God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; ¹⁷yet I am not silenced because of the darkness, nor because thick darkness covers my face.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

P: ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting

their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 14:25–32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter. C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Apostles’ Creed (back of hymnal)

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.

SERMON:

The Fifth Part in the Series

“Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord!”

Understanding How It All Works Together (Job 23:1–17)

“When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.” (Job 23:10)

S _____ **When your _____ falls apart.** (Job 2:13)

S _____ **When God _____ show up.** (Job 23:8-9)

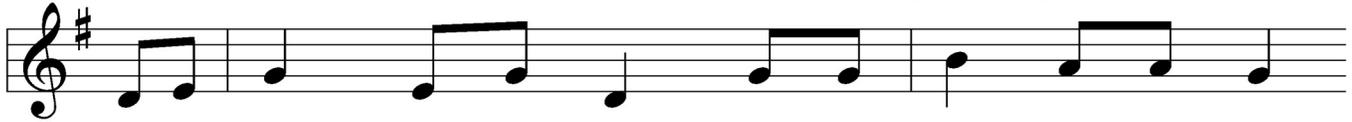
S _____ **When you don’t _____.** (Job 23:2, 17)

S _____ **When God turns _____ into _____.** (Job 42:10; Romans 8:28-29)

S _____ **When we use our _____ for God’s**

OFFERTORY:*“How Firm a Foundation” (LSB 728)*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 “The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 “Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne.”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

L: Dear Father, you have reconciled us to yourself through the bitter suffering and death of Jesus.

C: You have taught us our need for Jesus who is our Mediator and Messiah,

L: Our Redeemer and Friend.

C: Let him rule as our King,

L: Guide us as our Prophet,

C: And take away our sin as our High Priest.

L: So that come what may, we will live in him and cleave to him in faith forever.

C: For we believe that,

L: When you have tested us, we will come forth as gold,

LORD'S PRAYER:

ALL: 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.

L: God of tender compassion, we believe that there's a plan.

C: **A divine plan.**

L: A plan where all things are working for our good.

C: **And your glory.**

L: And so we pray confidently in the name of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN:

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (LSB 923)



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

BENEDICTION:

(Based upon Job 1:21)

L: The LORD gives.

C: **And the LORD takes away.**

L: Blessed be the name of the LORD.

C: **Yes, blessed be the name of the LORD!**

L: And so we go forth confidently in the name of our LORD.

C: **The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

ALL: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

“Abide with Me” (LSB 878, vs. 1 & 6)



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.

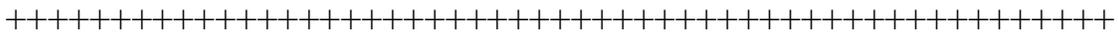


When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



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

POSTLUDE: (8:30 a.m.) “Go, My Children” 8th Grade Bells
(6:30 p.m.) “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” arranged by Benjamin M. Culli



Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolyte: (8:30 a.m.) Haydn Albert; (6:30 p.m.) Natalie Kassing

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