

Born to



Trouble

Resurrection 
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bitter Complaints

Job 23

- October 10, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **Masks are required even for fully vaccinated people.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like you are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **We will no longer be doing a temperature check at church, but do ask you to self monitor your temperature at home before coming to church.**

October 10, 2021 10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

Please be quiet during the prelude to help set a worshipful tone for those worshipping online.

“How Great Thou Art” ... *Wilbur Held*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“How Great thou Art” *LSB 801*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in--
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: To the one who receives and hears our filed complaints:

C: Forgive us when we seek to live apart from Your help. Forgive us the words that erupt from our mouths. Forgive us the hurtful thoughts we think when we feel You are hidden from us. Forgive our efforts to escape from Your embrace. Free us to live in abundant life. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Hear the good news: The same God that heard and forgave Job in the Old Testament hears and forgives us. Rise from this prayer to sin no more. In the name of the Father, Jesus Christ + and Holy Spirit, you are forgiven.

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Job 23

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

"3. Élévation" ... Léon Boëllmann

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-22

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

SERMON HYMN

“God, We’ve Known Such Grief and Anger” *Songs of Grace 65*

Tune: In Babilone – LSB 842

God, we've known such grief and anger
As we've heard your people cry.
We have asked you, "How much longer?"
We have sadly wondered, "Why?"
In this world of so much suffering,
May we hear your word anew:
"I will never leave you orphaned;
I will not abandon you."

By your grace comes resurrection;
By your love, you cast out fear.
You give strength and sure direction
As we seek to serve you here.
You give comfort to the grieving,
And you bless the ones who mourn.
May we trust in you, believing
Out of chaos, hope is born.

Hope is ours for, God, you love us!
You have claimed us by your grace.
And through Jesus, you have called us
To bring hope to every place.
In each rescue worker's caring,
In each faithful volunteer,
In each Christian's love and sharing,
God, we glimpse your kingdom here.

MESSAGE

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Job 23

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

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"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAISE SONGS

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge x2

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord
Blessed be Your name

Chorus x2

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

“God of This City”

You're the God of this city
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation You are
You're the light in this darkness
You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless You are

Pre-Chorus

There is no-one like our God
There is no-one like our God

Chorus

Greater things have yet to come
Greater things are still to be done In this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done in this city

You're the Lord of Creation
The Creator of all things
You're the King above all Kings You are
You're the strength in our weakness
You're the love to the broken
You're the joy in the sadness You are

Pre Chorus

Chorus

Chorus 2

Greater things have yet to come
Greater things are still to be done In this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done here

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

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

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our 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

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.

C: Amen!

CLOSING SONG

“Mighty to Save”

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Chorus

Bridge

POSTLUDE

During the postlude please remain quiet in your seats or move into the lobby to have conversation to help keep it worshipful for those watching online.

“Laus et Honor” ... Timothy Redman

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs:	Alex Lindeke, Melina Mantey
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In Our Prayers:

- **Lord, we lift up all those with bitter complaints against you, against Christians, and against the Church.** There are so many reasons people are bitter and we pray that your love and peace would be with them and over time that they would release this bitterness. May we be patient with them as well, and not get angry, but rather listen and care for all those suffering like Job.
- **As we pray over all who struggle, many people suffer and they know why.** Others are straining under burdens which they do not understand, and the load seems heavier. Give rest for troubled minds; give release to hurting bodies; give hope to those in despair; and grant us all salvation.
- **We pray for the good of your world and the common good in our community. Where there is hostility between peoples or nations, inspire leaders to show wisdom and courage in decision making.** We pray for areas hard hit by flood, storm, fire or earthquake, and for all those struggling with the impact of the pandemic. May neighbors with resources maintain generosity and compassion for the long work of reconstructing lives and livelihoods
- **Bless, guide, and protect our military and first responders.** We pray all they do is in accordance with your will. Help us to support and encourage their loved ones; to heal and help the wounded; and to prize and use their gifts in civilian life when their present duties are done.
- **We plead on behalf of all who are sick or injured, imprisoned or lonely; addicted or abused.** Grant them the joy of your saving and healing help. Restore them to health, hope, and communion with you and with those who love and care for them.

Zoom Bible Study Questions

Bitter Complaints

Read Job 23:1-7. Why is worth noting that Job honestly admits he has bitter complaints toward God? How might this impact the way we interact with God?

Looking at verse 3, why is worth noting that Job looks to the location of God? How might we look to where God is in times of bitter complaints.

Looking at verses 4-7, what do you think the case Job would lay before the Lord would be? Where are glimmers of hope in these verses?

Read verses 8-9, how do these verses correlate to how many people feel today about God? Thinking about this who do you know who might feel alone and might have bitter complaints? How might you reach out to them (and be present without being preachy)?

Read verses 10-12, what is the way Job follows? How might this remind us of the way Jesus went for us? Finally, why is it worth us noting the value Job still places on God's Word

Many saints of the church, including Martin Luther and Mother Teresa, have attested to long periods of feeling deserted by God. Have you had a similar experience? What can be gained by such times?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to RLC as this morning we continue our series in Job, “Born to Trouble.”

Today we will see that Job speaks his prayers out loud toward God with bitter complaints. He shares his brokenness and mostly his feeling that God is not listening any longer. Can we use such language toward God and how might this impact our faith? Furthermore, how might it impact those who are suffering along side us and feel like they need to vent? Thanks for joining us this morning to explore these questions.

Next week is Double Header Sunday at 8:30 or 10:30 am!

Join us at 8:30 or 10:30 am as we continue to explore the book of Job. Next week we will see God finally answering Job out of a whirlwind! Sometimes experiences of encountering God are gentle, and sometimes like Job, it is a whirlwind. One thing that is clear throughout the biblical witness is that no one encounters God and comes away unchanged. The question is, “Are we ready to be transformed by meeting God in worship?” We look forward to seeing in person or on facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 8:30 or 10:30 am to be transformed!

Church Directory Will Be Out October 24th

Check your mailboxes on October 24th for the new 2021 church directories. Also we will send out an electronic version to everyone on the RLC email list, so you have it that way as well.

Zoom Bible Study Continues this Wednesday!

Join us this Wednesday at 7pm as we continue our Online Zoom Bible Study. We will be following our series, “Born to Trouble,” looking at selections from the book of Job. These discussions of seeing how God works in difficult circumstances is very relevant right now so I encourage all of you to try to log on for at least one session!

Stewardship Thought-Job 23

This is real, these words that Job utters, this desire to converse with God, to plead his case and how unjustly he had been treated after a life of faithfulness. It is an all too human experience that we find ourselves flailing in the void, unable to hear or experience God’s presence. Simply allowing these words to be read and contemplated during worship is to stand in solidarity with those who are listening and who are struggling in the silence. Our tendency is to search for solutions, to proscribe actions that can bring us through this moment to a happier existence. But this text does not provide us any easy or quick solutions. All you need to do is to acknowledge this profound reality. For someone in the pew or watching online to hear that someone understands and does not condemn them or point out their own failings that has God to leave them so utterly, can be the greatest blessing. It would be like a cool drink of water to someone dying of thirst in the desert.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm

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