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Overcoming Life's Sorrows Through Faith

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the pews/chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

As We Gather: "Our risen Lord emboldens faith. 'God gave us a spirit not of fear' (2 Timothy 1:7). Satan seeks to paralyze us with 'what ifs' and 'how comes' and 'why nows.' He traffics in lies that maximize our insecurities and anxieties. Here's the truth: You are wonderfully made. You are baptized and forgiven. You are chosen, a treasure, and deeply loved." (*Overcoming Life's Sorrows – Learning From Jeremiah*, R. Reed Lessing, Concordia Publishing House, 2021, pg. 267)

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...

Pastor	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Reader	Marla St. Martin
Message	Chris Graves, DCE	Elder	Duke McKinley
Children's Message	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Acolyte	Henry Brown
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome/ Video

We Hear You Mom, Skit Guys

Opening Worship

*House of the Lord
My Jesus*

Call to Worship

Confession and Absolution

Children's Message

God's Word *(see opposite or screens)*

*Jeremiah 42:1-16
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30*

(Children excused for Children's Church.)

Offering *(Thanks for your support of God's mission here.)*

Today's Message

(Children return from Children's Church.)

What We Believe

Apostles' Creed

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord/ Reception/Song

What Faith Can Do

Blessing / Song

Glorious Day

Dismissal

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 42:1-16

42 Then all the commanders of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least to the greatest, came near² and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Let our plea for mercy come before you, and pray to the Lord your God for us, for all this remnant—because we are left with but a few, as your eyes see us—³ that the Lord your God may show us the way we should go, and the thing that we should do."⁴ Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard you. Behold, I will pray to the Lord your God according to your request, and whatever the Lord answers you I will tell you. I will keep nothing back from you."⁵ Then they said to Jeremiah, "May the Lord be a true and faithful witness against us if we do not act according to all the word with which the Lord your God sends you to us."⁶ Whether it is good or bad, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God to whom we are sending you, that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of the Lord our God."⁷ At the end of ten days the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah.⁸ Then he summoned Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces who were with him, and all the people from the least to the greatest,⁹ and said to them, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your plea for mercy before him:¹⁰ If you will remain in this land, then I will build you up and not pull you down; I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I relent of the disaster that I did to you."¹¹ Do not fear the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Do not fear him, declares the Lord, for I am with you, to save you and to deliver you from his hand.¹² I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy on you and let you remain in your own land.¹³ But if you say, 'We will not remain in this land,' disobeying the voice of the Lord your God¹⁴ and saying, 'No, we will go to the land of Egypt, where we shall not see war or hear the sound of the trumpet or be hungry for bread, and we will dwell there,'¹⁵ then hear the word of the Lord, O remnant of Judah. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: If you set your faces to enter Egypt and go to live there,¹⁶ then the sword that you fear shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine of which you are afraid shall follow close after you to Egypt, and there you shall die.

EPISTLE

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothes in white robes,

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EPISTLE (cont.)

with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence."¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep."²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.³⁰ I and the Father are one."

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