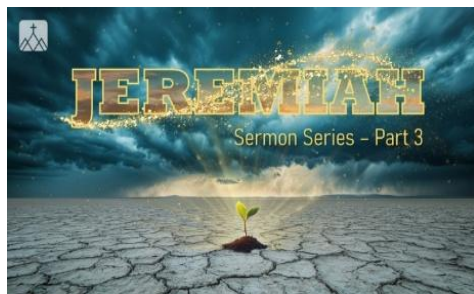




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## PRAISE ABLAZE

MAY 18, 2025 • 11:00 AM

### *Overcoming Life's Sorrows Through the Singing*

**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:** "The Lord is the God of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, David and Jonathan, and Peter and Paul. He enters the most broken places of our lives to make things new. In the end—and there *will* be an end—we will sing with the heavenly choir, 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God' (Revelation 19:1). Babylon's demise signals a grand homecoming for God's people. The exiles will return to the Promised Land!" (*Overcoming Life's Sorrows – Learning From Jeremiah*, "R. Reed Lessing, Concordia Publishing House, 2021, pg. 277)

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

Pastor .....	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Reader .....	Dan Mikow
Children's Message .....	Chris Graves DCE	Elder .....	Duke McKinley
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome**

**Opening Worship**

*The King Is In the Room  
Holy Forever*

**Call to Worship**

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*Kennedy Rose Ouellette*

**Children's Message**

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

*Jeremiah 51:54-64  
Revelation 21:1-7  
John 16:12-22*

*(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.)*

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing / Song**

*Jesus Does*

**Dismissal**

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 51:54-64*

*(Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.)*

<sup>54</sup> "A voice! A cry from Babylon! The noise of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans! <sup>55</sup> For the Lord is laying Babylon waste and stilling her mighty voice. Their waves roar like many waters; the noise of their voice is raised, <sup>56</sup> for a destroyer has come upon her, upon Babylon; her warriors are taken; their bows are broken in pieces, for the Lord is a God of recompense; he will surely repay. <sup>57</sup> I will make drunk her officials and her wise men, her governors, her commanders, and her warriors; they shall sleep a perpetual sleep and not wake, declares the King, whose name is the Lord of hosts. <sup>58</sup> "Thus says the Lord of hosts: The broad wall of Babylon shall be leveled to the ground, and her high gates shall be burned with fire. The peoples labor for nothing, and the nations weary themselves only for fire. <sup>59</sup> The word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah king of Judah to Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign. Seraiah was the quartermaster. <sup>60</sup> Jeremiah wrote in a book all the disaster that should come upon Babylon, all these words that are written concerning Babylon. <sup>61</sup> And Jeremiah said to Seraiah: "When you come to Babylon, see that you read all these words, <sup>62</sup> and say, 'O Lord, you have said concerning this place that you will cut it off, so that nothing shall dwell in it, neither man nor beast, and it shall be desolate forever.' <sup>63</sup> When you finish reading this book, tie a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates, <sup>64</sup> and say, 'Thus shall Babylon sink, to rise no more, because of the disaster that I am bringing upon her, and they shall become exhausted.'"

## EPISTLE

*Revelation 21:1-7*

*(God and His people will live together in the new Jerusalem.)*

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne

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## **EPISTLE** (cont.)

said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 16:12–22*

*(When the disciples see Jesus again, their joy will be full.)*

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.



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