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WHEN YOU PRAY... PRAY FOR LEADERSHIP

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The need to hold on to control in our lives causes untold pain and heartache. Our minds and our hearts, no matter how pure or justified we think our goals and aims may be, are corrupt and dangerously fallible. Jesus holds out the cure by teaching us to pursue in everything our heavenly Father's direction and leadership.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG 256

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 he gentle breeze;

Refrain

And 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

HOLY BAPTISM (Sunday 10:30 am)

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- M The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C And also with you.

How Great Thou Art

- M Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:
- C Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- M As baptized children of God we confess our sins:
- C Holy and merciful father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND EXHORTATION

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!" 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!"

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:4-14

When given the opportunity to ask for anything he wanted, Solomon asked for God's leadership in his life so that he might be a just and compassionate ruler of God's people.

PSALM OF THE DAY

- M You, LORD, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- C You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.
- M Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.
- C Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
- M Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- C Show us your unfailing love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.
- M I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants.
- C Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
- M The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.
- **C** Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.
- All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Our Lord and Savior seeks the leadership of his heavenly Father in the Word to overcome temptation and to do his Father's will.

THE SIXTH PETITION

- All Lead us not into temptation.
- M What does this mean?
- C God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

THE SEVENTH PETITION

- All But deliver us from evil.
- M What does this mean?
- C In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

Message Song

Here I am, All my intentions All my obsessions, I want to lay them all down In Your hands, Only Your love is vital Though I'm not entitled, Still You call me Your child

Refrain

God You don't need me, Somehow You want me Oh, how You love me, Somehow that frees me To take my hands off of my life And the way it should go God You don't need me, Somehow You want me Oh, how You love me, Somehow that frees me To open my hands up, And give You control I give You control

I've had plans, Shattered and broken Things I have hoped in, Fall through my hands You have plans, To redeem and restore me You're behind and before me, Oh, help me believe

Refrain

You want me, Somehow You want me The King of Heaven wants me So this world has lost it's grip on me - repeat

Refrain

Oh, give You control Oh, I want to give You control I give You control You want me Somehow You want me The King of Heaven wants me So this world has lost it's grip on me

SERMON

Matthew 6:13 Pastor Pete Panitzke

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon; He helps us free from ev'ry need That has us now o'ertaken. The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effected.

But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected. You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is, The almighty Lord. And there's no other God; He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill,

All eager to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill;

They shall not overpow'r us.

This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,

He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!

One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain, Nor any thanks have for it; He's by our side upon the plain With his good gifts and Spirit. And do what they will -- Hate, steal, hurt, or kill --Though all may be gone, Our victory is won; The kingdom's ours forever!