



THE TRIUMPH OVER THE GIANT

MARCH 18, 2026
1:00pm / 7:00pm

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
1800 WEST MAPLE
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STORIES OF BIBLE VICTORIES

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Theme: *The Triumph Over the Giant*

As We Gather

“The history of God’s chosen people is verily written in war stories, and the great steps in their national progress are read in the word Victory. But, as in almost every case, the real victories are not the ones achieved on the battle-field, but those won in the hearts and lives of leader and people; so in these stories, the aim has been to so portray the picture that the moral victory shall leave its impress on the life, and the battle-field be simply the medium for the implanting of the great truth.”

– *Emma A. Robinson, 1907*

This Lent we are basing our Lenten series on Emma Robinson’s book “Stories of Bible Victories” from 1907. These are accounts from the Old Testament, looking at the people God used to bring about His Kingdom.

Prelude

1:00pm

Clarinet Trio

7:00pm

Rick Helderop

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name - I’m fixed upon it; name of God’s redeeming love.
2. Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro’t me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me, safely home by Thy good grace;
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor, daily I’m constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Children's Message - 7:00pm

Lenten Litany

This additional psalm is said to have been written by David when he fought Goliath in single combat.

P: I was small among my brothers and the youngest of my father's sons.

C: I was shepherd of my father's sheep.

P: My hands made a musical instrument;

C: my fingers strung a lap harp.

P: Who will tell my Lord?

C: The Lord himself, the Lord hears me.

P: The Lord himself sent his messenger, and took me away from my father's sheep.

C: He put special oil on my forehead to anoint me.

P: My brothers were good-looking and tall,

C: but the Lord didn't take special pleasure in them.

P: I went out to meet the Philistine,

C: who cursed me by his idols.

P: But I took his own sword out of its sheath and cut off his head.

C: So I removed the shame from the Israelites. (Psalm 151)

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 17:4-11

A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him. Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

Anthem - 1:00pm Ave Verum Corpus (Hail Thou Living Body) – Mozart
Andrea Anderson, Mike Lapinski, and Kerry Mills, *Clarinet Trio*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Hymn of the Day 428

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.
2. I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.
3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

Sermon

The Triumph Over the Giant
Rev. James H. Greenwalt

1 Samuel 17:4-11

Offering - 7:00pm

*(1:00pm offering will be received at the door.)
At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance
here with us today. Instructions are on the back page.*

Voluntary - 7:00pm

O Divine Redeemer – Gounod
Bonnie L. Brooks, *Soprano*

Prayer of the Church

Lord's 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 upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn 153

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends thro' fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Justice gave.
3. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the WORD, the LORD'S ANOINTED, Son of Man and Son of God.

Postlude

1:00pm

Clarinet Trio

7:00pm

Rick Helderop

*Thanks and appreciation to
Andrea Anderson, Mike Lapinski, Kerry Mills, and Bonnie L. Brooks
for providing special music at today's services.*

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Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift,
Erin Springer, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp, Richelle Pedersen,
Liz Pedersen, Sandy Springer, Crissy Bienkowski

Acolyte and Crossbearer

7:00pm - Giuliana Chioini

Audio and Video Operators

7:00pm - David Hamada and David Hardoin

Lenten Meals Preparation

Lunch: Sponsored and Prepared by Ginny Schalm,
Sharon Zimmer, Cheryl Schiller, and Jan Kanka

Dinner: Sponsored by Young Adults Bible Study
Prepared by Michele Margosian

Ushers

1:00pm - Bob Stewart

7:00pm - Keith Lewis, *Captain*; Robert Artelt,
Rudy Becker, Rick Russ, Brian Vautaw

Please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today.

There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.



Stories of Bible Victories

Lent 2026

Written in 1907 by Emma Robinson, these are accounts from the Old Testament looking at the people God used to bring about His Kingdom.

Lent Wednesdays:

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Each Lent service is preceded by a meal:

Lunch 12:00pm; Dinner 6:00pm

(Confirmands 5:30pm)

March 25 - *The Triumph Over Pride*



April 2 - Maundy Thursday - *The Triumph of a Meal*

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Holy Communion at Both Services

April 3 - Good Friday - *The Triumph of Suffering*

1:00pm and 7:00pm - Sanctuary

April 4 - Easter Eve - 5:00pm - Sanctuary

April 5 - Easter Sunday Services

The Triumphal Procession

7:30am with Holy Communion; 9:00am and 10:30am

