

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 7

June 25, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

It is not easy to live in this world as a believer in the one true God. Faith is challenged, truth is questioned, and persecution is faced. Though hardships and challenges are there and will continue, we are reminded this is nothing new since the fall into sin. The Lord doesn't leave us though in midst of doubt and despair as we deal with division and even danger. He gives His presence and assures His lasting promises. In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah and his people faced hardships, yet they modeled how our witness and testimony can be ones of boldness and confidence as we sing to and praise the Lord, for He "delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers" (Jeremiah 20:13). As Paul would face countless challenges in his Gospel proclamation to the ends of the earth, he reminds us that, even amid the battle of sin, we have received grace and that the "free gift of God is eternal life" (Romans 6:23). Jesus also reminds us that as divisiveness and persecution can be expected even from those closest to us, because of His everlasting promises we are able to "fear not." The psalmist also assures that the Lord remains our refuge and our fortress. The world around us won't change until Christ returns, but the Lord doesn't change either. In and through Him, with faith and confidence we keep our trust.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 91*

Pastor: Our Psalm for today is Psalm 91, which we will speak and sing responsively with the hymn "On Eagles' Wings." The hymn is a paraphrase of this morning's psalm.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Pastor: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

People: He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

HYMN "On Eagles' Wings" Sts. 1–2: *LSB 727*

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" Refrain

ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain

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Pastor: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

People: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Pastor: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

People: You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

Pastor: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

People: no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

HYMN “On Eagles’ Wings” St. 3: *LSB 727*

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. Refrain

ref And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

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Pastor: For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

People: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Pastor: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

People: “Because he holds fast to Me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows My name.

Pastor: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

People: With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.”

HYMN “On Eagles’ Wings” St. 4: *LSB 727*

4 For to His angels He’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain

ref And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 10:23; 11:28; 16:24; 25:34; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: We come before our Lord in confession as Jesus invites us to come to Him. He says, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

People: Gracious Lord, we confess we have not always sought rest for ourselves nor our burdened souls in You, instead seeking refuge in the temporary things of this world. Forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Jesus says, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”

People: O Lord, we confess we have not come nor followed as You desire, nor have we denied ourselves, instead at times denying the cross and faith You have graciously given. Forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: In a parable, Jesus says, “Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

People: O Lord, we confess we have not always been mindful of Your eternal kingdom, instead focusing on the things of this world. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Jesus speaks of the day when the “Son of Man comes.” Until that day, as we come before Him in our sin, with our shame, and with our struggles in this world, He comes to us out of unconditional love with mercy and grace. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

Leader: For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

People: When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Leader: In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

People: In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise,

Leader: in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

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.

Leader: For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *LSB* 686

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of endless glory

Fills my heart with joy and love,

Teach me ever to adore Thee;

May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,

Hither by Thy help I’ve come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wand’ring from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring 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.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 20:7–13* (Jeremiah's complaint and God's assurance) ⁷O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:12–23* (Alive in Christ) Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What

then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 10:32*

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

People: and His greatness is unsearchable.

Pastor: On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

People: and I will declare Your greatness.

Pastor: Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven.

People: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33* (Warnings and promises as Jesus sends out the Twelve)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ... “Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “When Peace, like a River” *LSB* 763

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
 When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain

ref It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
 Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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SERMON “Learning to Lament”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



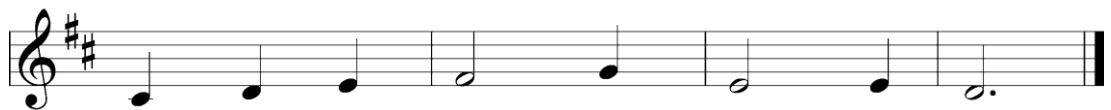
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“He Will Hold Me Fast” -Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker

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1. When I fear my faith will fail

Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail

He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold

Through life's fearful path

For my love is often cold

He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so

He will hold me fast

2. Those He saves are His delight

Christ will hold me fast

Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost

His Promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost

He will hold me fast (Chorus)

3. For my life He bled and died

Christ will hold me fast

Justice has been satisfied

He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life

He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight

When He comes at last (Chorus twice)

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I know a place, a wonderful place

Where accused and condemned find mercy and grace

Where the wrongs we have done and the wrongs done to us

Were nailed there with Him, there on the cross.

At the cross (echo)

He died for our sins

At the cross (echo)

He gave us life again

(Repeat)

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” *TOSB* 115

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BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Grace Alone” -Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson
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1. Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith;
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine;
Ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide,
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.

2. Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach;
Ev'rywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away;
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Chorus*

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 3.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Romans 6:13* – “Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.” Everything we have — even our own existence, our very selves — is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, in church and in society. How will you serve Him today?

THANK YOU! Dear Emmaus Congregation, We would like to thank you for supporting us this year! Your financial gifts and prayers have meant so much to us. We are happy to announce that we will be joining Lutheran Bible Translators after Sarah finishes her internship in July. Your support has helped us reach this

goal! Please continue to pray for us as we take this next step. God's blessings, Nathan and Sarah Federwitz
(*You can read Nathan and Sarah's newsletter on the Missions bulletin board across from the restrooms.*)

ARE YOU DOWN FOR THE CHALLENGE? If your answer is yes, then please sign up to assist on Saturday, July 29th from 12:00 – 5:00pm. Some of you previously indicated your willingness to help and now we need you to officially commit. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. Brief recap, we will be helping the Salvation Army on the day of the event with a variety of tasks from handing out water bottles to helping belay people down the Omni Hotel at Viking Lakes. If you are not able to help the full time slot, find a friend and split the time!

OUT OF TOWN? If you are going to be out of town this summer for vacation, or just simply going up to the lake, please let Pastor Kooi or one of the elders know. We aren't trying to be attendance police, but if we don't see you, we would like to know that everything is okay. Blessings on your travels this summer!

FUNERAL HELPERS: If you are able to help with set up, clean up, serving, or baking for funeral luncheons, please fill out a yellow "Can You Help?" slip from the narthex table. We are updating our list of people who are willing to be called to see if they are available when a funeral is happening at Emmaus.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: CPH Reads is a summer reading program that challenges participants to read books about Jesus and find hope in God's Word. All ages are invited to participate in the program, which starts May 31 and concludes on August 11, and all who complete the challenge are eligible for a chance to win prizes! www.cph.org/cph-reads

AS WE CELEBRATE the 75th anniversary of Emmaus, we would love to have more photos of members and events that have happened in recent years. Photos can be sent to Marilyn P. If you have printed photos, put them in an envelope with your name and we will scan them and return the photos to you.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Give Me Life?!" Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock. Finders, weepers; losers, keepers: Pastor Keith Haberstock talks about finding life by losing it, for the sake of Christ. (Matthew 10:39)

Looking for a volunteer opportunity this month?

Check out these additional options from the Salvation Army connected with the Down for the Challenge event.

- Thursday, July 27 from 9 AM- 12 PM: Need volunteers that are able to lift and carry items from our truck into the Omni Lakes Hotel to help us get ready for the event.
- Friday, July 28 from 12-4 PM: Volunteers will help with event set up for our VIP party, such as: getting signage ready to go, unboxing items, setting up tables and supplies.
- Friday, July 28 from 4-10 PM: Volunteers will help with event set up for our VIP party, assisting with yard games, and helping during the party as well as some clean up after the party is over.