

# WELCOME

August 23, 2026

Worship Theme

IN A BROKEN  
WORLD WE LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
OUR FINAL  
REDEMPTION

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# OPENING HYMN: #803 Day by Day (VS. 1-3)

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V1. Day by day, your mercies,  
Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings,  
Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.

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Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

V2.

Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.

I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.



V3.        Oh, what joy to know  
              that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
              oh, what joy to know  
              that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

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Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.

Savior, with your presence here to  
guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.



# CALL TO WORSHIP

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Please stand

P: 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.

# CONFESSION OF SINS



P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.



C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In count-less ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

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P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you joy as you trust in his love and strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.



# HYMN: #652 LORD, HAVE MERCY (VS.1-3)

(Congregation sings w/Ascension Arise Band)

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V1.

For what we have done and left undone  
we fall on your countless mercies.

For sins that are know and those unknown  
we call on your name so holy.



For envy and pride, for closing our eyes;  
for scorning our very neighbor.  
In thought, word and deed we've failed  
you, our King;  
how deeply we need a Savior.



Refrain:

Lord, have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.

V2. For what you have done,  
your life of love  
you perfectly lived, we praise you.  
Though tempted and tried,  
you fixed your eyes;  
you finished the work God gave you.



And there on the tree,  
a King among thieves,  
you bled for a world's betrayal.  
You loved to the end,  
our merciful friend;  
how pure and forever faithful.

Refrain:

Lord, have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.



V3.      For hearts that are cold,  
            for seizing control;  
for scoring our very maker.  
In thought, word and deed  
we've failed you, our King;  
how deeply we need a Savior.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P: Almighty God and Savior, the day is coming when you will deliver us and all creation from the corruption of sin and death. May the promise of paradise to come lift our eyes from worldly things and keep us living in eager expectation of our restoration through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated



# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

Job 14:7-17



“At least there is hope for a tree:  
If it is cut down, it will sprout again,  
and its new shoots will not fail.  
Its roots may grow old in the ground  
and its stump die in the soil,  
yet at the scent of water it will bud  
and put forth shoots like a plant.



“But man dies and is laid low;  
he breathes his last and is no more.  
As water disappears from the sea  
or a riverbed becomes parched and dry,  
so man lies down and does not rise;  
till the heavens are no more, men  
will not awake  
or be roused from their sleep.

“If only you would hide me in the grave  
and conceal me till your anger has passed!

If only you would set me a time  
and then remember me!

If a man dies, will he live again?

All the days of my hard service

I will wait for my renewal to come.



“You will call and I will answer you;  
you will long for the creature your  
hands have made.

Surely then you will count my steps  
but not keep track of my sin.

My offenses will be sealed up in a bag;  
you will cover over my sin.”

# SUNG RESPONSE:

#850 It Is Well with My Soul (VS. 1,4)

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V1.      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:

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

V4.      And, Lord, haste the day  
         when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
         the trump shall resound,  
         and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul.



Refrain:

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

# THE WORD

## SECOND LESSON

Matthew 24:1-14,  
29-35





Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”



Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.



“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.



“Immediately after the distress of  
those days

“ ‘the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light;  
the stars will fall from the sky,  
and the heavenly bodies will be  
shaken.’

“At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.



“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”



# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





# SERMON HYMN:

#837 When Will I Walk (VS. 1-3)

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V1.           When will I walk  
                the shinning streets of gold  
                which lie behind the massive gates of pearl,  
                where saints triumphant live in bliss untold,  
                and all around the alleluias swirl?



Refrain:

My days, O Lord,  
are trouble filled and few,  
and I'm not home  
until I'm home with you.



V2.           When will I wear  
          the robe of brilliant white  
                  and raise aloft  
          the victor's branch of palm,  
where long-forgotten in the noble fight  
and glassy seas betray a perfect calm?

Refrain:

My days, O Lord,  
are trouble filled and few,  
and I'm not home  
until I'm home with you.



V3.           When will I win  
                what Jesus won for me-  
a paradise of restful, wondrous peace,  
                where day is bright  
                and night will never be,  
and joyfulness will ever-more increase?

Refrain:

My days, O Lord,  
are trouble filled and few,  
and I'm not home  
until I'm home with you.



# THE WORD

SERMON TEXT:

Romans 8:18-25



I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

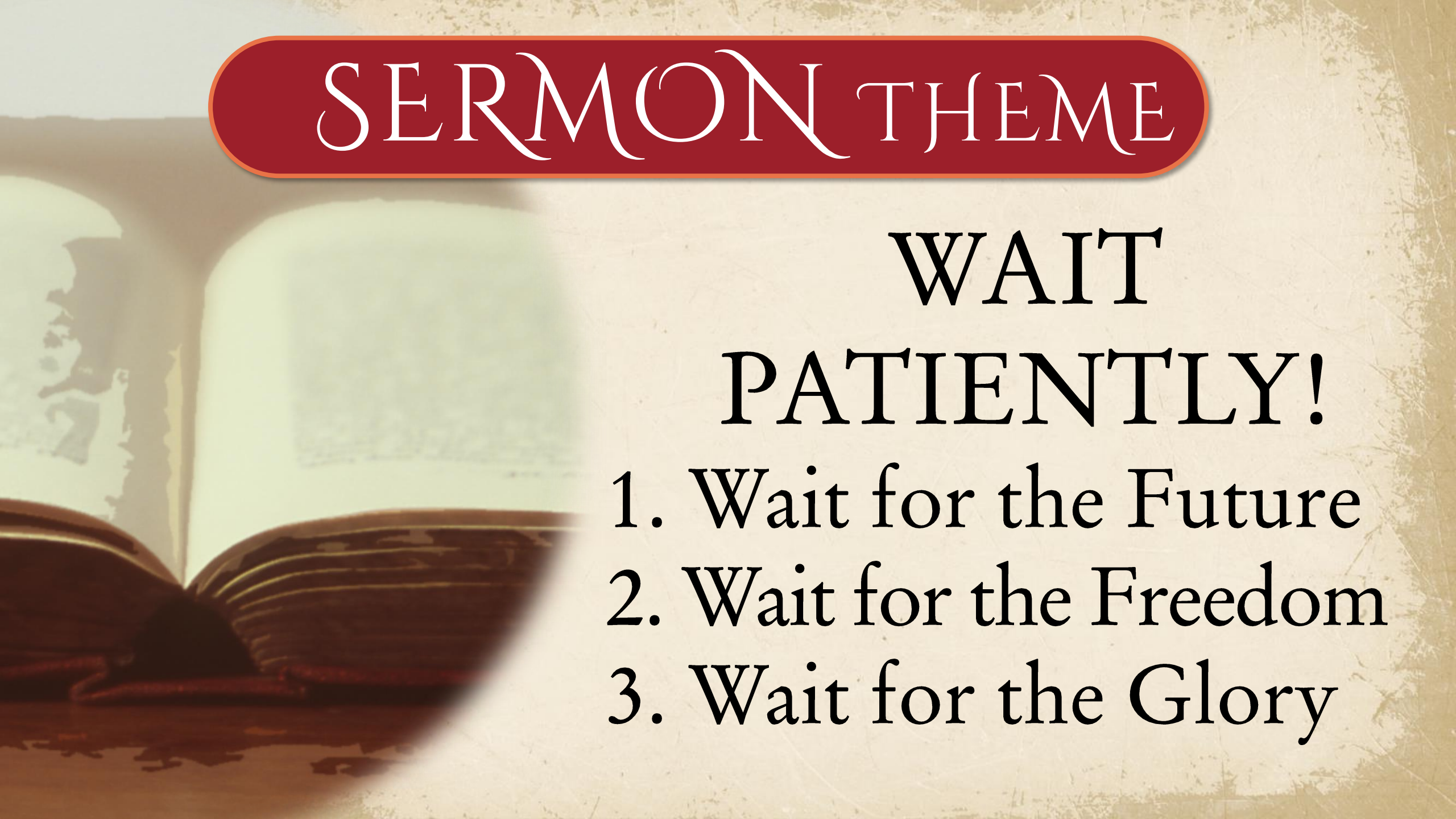


For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.



For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.



# SERMON THEME

## WAIT PATIENTLY!

1. Wait for the Future
2. Wait for the Freedom
3. Wait for the Glory



# WHAT WEIGHS MORE?



# HYMN: #940

## We All Believe in One True God (VS.1-3)

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V1. We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
ever-present help in need,  
praised by all the heav'nly host,  
by whose mighty pow'r alone  
all is made and wrought and done.





V2.

We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's Son,  
who descended from his throne  
and for us salvation won,  
by whose cross and death are we  
rescued from all misery.

V3.

We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
who from both fore'er proceeds,  
who upholds and comforts us  
in all trials, fears, and needs.

Blessed, holy Trinity,  
praise to you eternally!



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# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

# LORD'S PRAYER

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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.



# BLESSING

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God and the fellow-  
ship of the Holy Spirit be with you  
all.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

# CLOSING HYMN: #718 Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road (VS. 1-5)

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V1. Though thoughtless thousands  
choose the road  
that leads the soul away from God,  
this happiness, dear Lord, be mine:  
to live and die entirely thine.





V2.

In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,  
from him my life, my all, receive,  
to him devote my fleeting hours,  
serve him alone with all my pow'rs.

V3.

Christ is my ever-lasting all,  
to him I look, on him I call;  
he will my ev-'ry need supply  
in time and through eternity.



V4.

Soon will the Lord, my life, appear;  
soon shall I end my trials here,  
leave sin and sorrow, death and pain.  
To live is Christ; to die is gain.

V5.

Soon will the saints in glory meet,  
soon walk through ev'ry golden street  
and sing on ev'ry blissful plain,  
“To live is Christ; to die is gain.”



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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**Service – 9:30am**

**Pot Luck – 10:30am**







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- ✚ Guest Pastor: Lynn Wiedmann
- ✚ Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- ✚ Ascension Arise Band
- ✚ AV Team
- ✚ Serving: Flock #3 – Brian Stein

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