

From red letter challenge

BEING

CHALLENGE

a 40-day challenge to be like Jesus

**Being Challenge: Study Scripture
The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024**

8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Studying Scripture is a central habit in the Being Challenge that emphasizes the importance of engaging deeply with God's Word. Through Scripture, we come to understand God's character, His promises, and His guidance for living a purposeful and faithful life. Jesus Himself frequently quoted and relied on Scripture to teach, inspire, and resist temptation, showing us the vital role it plays in shaping our beliefs and actions. By consistently studying Scripture, we allow God's truth to transform our hearts and minds, equipping us to navigate life's challenges with wisdom, discernment, and a deeper connection to His will.

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

HYMN Ancient Words

Verse 1

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 2

Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 3

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

Verse 4

Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear

Ending

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INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the The Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 54:1–2*

Leader: O God, save me, by Your name,
People: **and vindicate me by Your might.**

Leader: O God, hear my prayer;
People: **give ear to the words of my mouth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.
People: **Almighty God, I confess all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I have relied on my own strength to endure**

during temptation and persecution rather than Your faithful protection. I am sorry for these my faults and ask Your forgiveness and pardon that I may return Your faithfulness with ongoing reliance of faith.

Leader: In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. God grant deliverance from every trouble and set your feet to walk in His ways now and always.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

973 THY WORD IS A LAMP

ref Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. Refrain

SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and

deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Reader : Pam German

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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 T everlasting. Amen.

578 THY STRONG WORD *sts. 1, 3, 5*

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
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- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

SERMON

578 THY STRONG WORD *sts. 2, 4, 6*

- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
 Dark as night and deep as death,
 Broke the light of Thy salvation,
 Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
 Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
 From the cross forever beameth
 All Thy bright redeeming light.
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 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

OFFERING~ God's Word is Our Great Heritage-Carla Roghair

For Reflection:

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever...

Lord, grant while worlds endure we keep its teachings pure throughout all generations. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 37:4-7*

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

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Leader: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD' PRAYER

People: 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

Leader: 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 T give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN O Church Arise

Verse 1

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Verse 3

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

10:30 a.m.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Always

Verse 1

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

Verse 2

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You'll never change

Chorus

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always
Always

Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always
Always

Verse 3

I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save oh

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Bridge

You were You are You always will be God
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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place

O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells

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Bridge
My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

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OFFERING There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

Verse 1

Just one word
You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one word
The darkness has to retreat
Just one touch
I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 1

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Verse 2

Just one word
You heal what's broken inside me
Just one word
And you revive ev'ry dream
Just one touch
I feel the power of heaven
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Chorus 2

There's nothing that our God can't do
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There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
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Bridge

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Leader: 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
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The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: Always

Verse 1

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I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

Verse 2

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You'll never change

Chorus

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always
Always

Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always
Always

Bridge

You were You are You always will be God
You were You are You always will be God
Yes You always will be God

Ending

Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always