



From the ***Garden*** to the ***Garden City***:
The Bible in 6 Weeks

11:00 – Sunday, October 23

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING SONG “Whom Shall I Fear”

INVOCATION

P: We begin in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

C: **Father, we know we have fallen short. We turn our backs when we could embrace. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen. We close the door when we could fling it wide open. We judge when we could seek understanding. We cling when we could give. Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 121 [NIV]

R: I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from?

C: **My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

R: The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

C: **The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL VERSE “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” [LW 88, v. 4]

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-18 [NIV]

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG “How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

SERMON “MESSIAH”

OFFERING

“O Come to the Altar”

Brown, Brock, Furtick, & Joye

Living Faith

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing** for Sherry Lauridsen-continued health problems, undergoing tests; David Snider-recovering from stroke; Matta Lou Sheegog-recovering from back surgery; Harry (brother-in-law of Janet Trammel)-life-threatening complications after leg amputation; Ryan and Stephanie Behring-as they begin the Foster to Adopt program; The Eastwood Family (friends of Tom and Terry Cook)-transitioning from

Chicago to DFW; Ronni (Horace Phillips' close friend)-major health issues, has tumor on the brain.

•*Praise and Thanksgiving* for all who volunteer at Peace; Rachel Behring and Aaron Stanfield married Oct. 2; Geraldine (Richard Verdier's mother)-celebrating her 88th birthday Oct. 25.

•*Wisdom and Courage* for Elders and Shut-ins.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

CLOSING SONG "This is Amazing Grace"

CONNECT

- **Trunk or Treat | Friday, October 28 | 6:30-8:30p | Register to Volunteer Online**
- **Youth Murder Mystery | Friday, October 28 | 6:30-9:30p | Register Closes Monday**
- **New Member Class | Oct. 30-Nov. 20 | New Members Register Online**
- **Congregational Information Meeting | Sunday, October 30 | Sanctuary @ Noon**
- **Men's Night | Tuesday, November 1 | 6:30-8:00pm | Register Online**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fanfare"

Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*