

REFORMATION



Christ Our Redeemer

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

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Je - sus, price-less trea-sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo-lest me
 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 Hence, all earth - ly trea-sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure;
 Hence, all fear and sad-ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



Tru-est friend to me. Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!
 Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn-ing, Lord, for thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.
 Though the storms may ga - ther, Still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine!
 Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash;
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour;
 Pain or loss Or shame or cross
 Yea, what - e're I here must bear,



I will suf - fer naught to hide thee,
 Yet, tho' sin and hell, as - sail me,
 Earth and all its depths a - dore him,
 Shall not from my Sav - ior move me
 Thou art still my pur - est plea - sure,



Naught I ask be-side thee.
 Je - sus will not fail me.
 Si - lent bow be - fore him.
 Since he deigns to love me.
 Je - sus, price-less trea-sure!

CALL TO WORSHIP

P (Pastor): We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): Amen.

P: Your word, O LORD, is eternal;

C: It stands firm in the heavens.

P: Your faithfulness continues through all generations;

C: You established the earth, and it endures.

P: May your unfailing love come to us, O LORD,

C: Your salvation according to your promise.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: So often we have despised God's Word and fail to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask for his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31) The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called 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.

PRAYER

P: Almighty and gracious God, we thank you for the love you have shown to us in Jesus, our Savior. Through him our sins have been forgiven and we are declared innocent before your holy throne. We now have the sure hope of eternal life in heaven. Help us, your Church, to proclaim to every nation, tribe, language, and people that salvation is found in Christ alone. We pray in his name.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

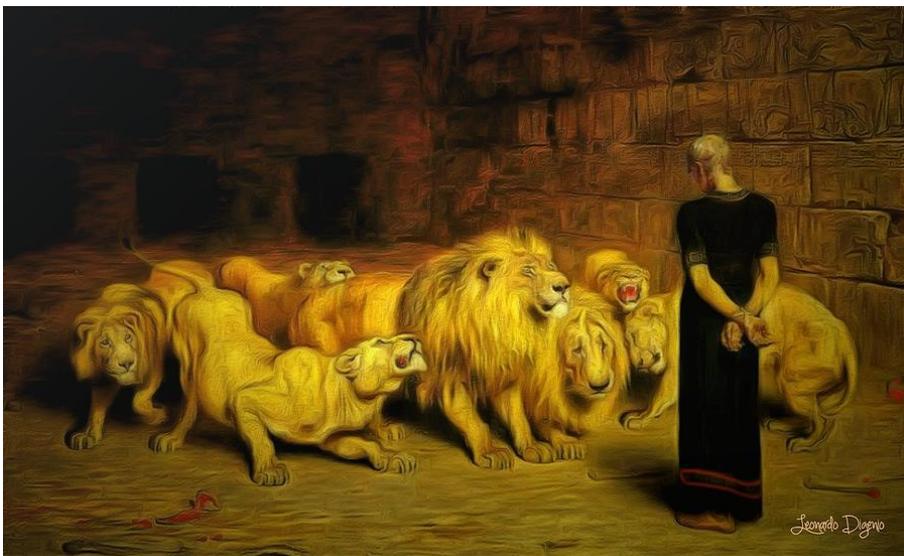
Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

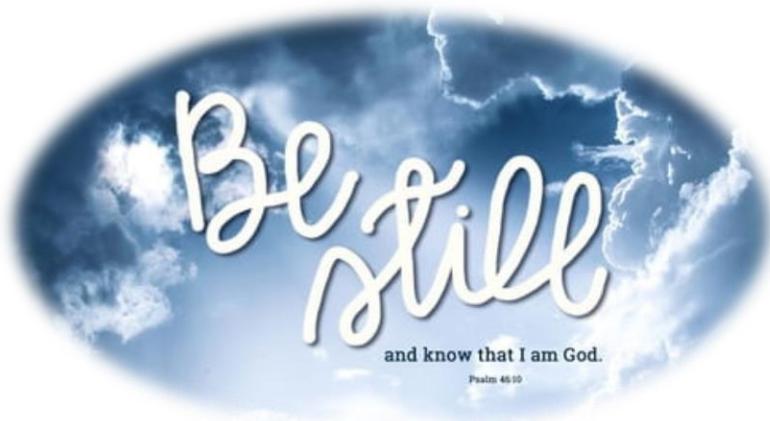
¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.



¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹ Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.



PSALM 46 (Read Responsively)

P: God is our refuge and strength,

C: an ever-present help in trouble.

P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

C: though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

C: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

P: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

C: he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

P: The LORD Almighty is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P: Come and see what the LORD has done,

C: the desolations he has brought on the earth.

P: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

C: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

P: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

P: The LORD Almighty is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE LESSON



2 Timothy 4:9-18

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A Mighty Fortress” is Luther’s famous hymn based on Psalm 46. When he was discouraged he would often invite those with him to sing it, saying, “Come, let us sing Psalm 46.” His coworkers were banished from their homes for a time after his death; they received comfort when they heard a young girl sing it in Weimar where they were in seclusion. And even armies have sung it before battles.



SERMON HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

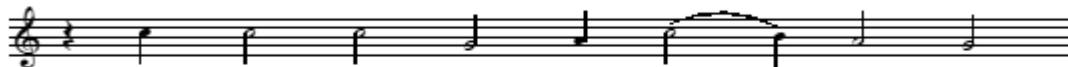
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A might - y for - tress is our God,
With might of ours can naught be done;
Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
The Word they still shall let re - main,



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed,
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant one
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er tak - en.
Whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With his good gifts and Spir - it,



The old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
You ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
And do what they will- Hate, steal, hurt, or kill-



deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
The al - might - y Lord, And there's no oth - er God;
He can harm us none, He's judged, the deed is done!
Though all may be gone. Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual!
He holds the field for-ev - er.
One lit - tle word can fell him.
The king - dom's ours for-ev - er!

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 10:16-23

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Reformation Reversal

THE LORD’S PRAYER (paraphrased)

*After the sermon, Martin Luther led the congregation
in a paraphrase of the Lord’s Prayer.*

This was done to teach them the meaning of each petition.

We pray responsively:

P: Dear friends in Christ, since we gathered here in the name of our Lord to receive His holy testament, I admonish you first of all, to raise your hearts to God with me as we pray the Lord’s Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us, and because he graciously promised to hear us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name...

P: Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all His children on earth. We ask Him to give us grace that we might proclaim His Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that His name is precious to us. We also pray that He would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor His name.

C: Thy kingdom come...

P: We pray that His kingdom and the rule of His grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan’s kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, His Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

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C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

P: We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our sinful will and its desires.

C: Give us this day our daily bread...

P: We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

C: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...

P: We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before Him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

C: And lead us not into temptation...

P: We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by His Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

C: But deliver us from evil...

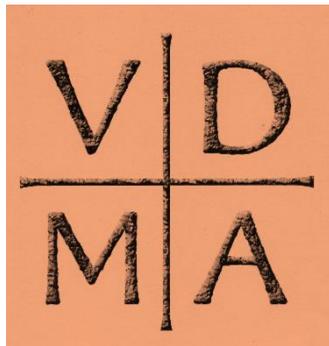
M: And finally we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul, now and forever.

**C: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

P: All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts, "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

PRAYER

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum - The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. This is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, based on 1 Peter 1:24-25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them.



HYMN

"In Christ Alone"

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In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength,
 In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help-
 There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark-
 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ



my song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 - less babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness.
 - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 in me; From life's first cry to fin - al breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 Scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled,
 cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of God
 stands in vic - tor - y, Sin's curse has lost
 hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er pluck



when striv-ings cease! My Com-for - ter, my all in all, Here in the
 was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the
 its grip on me, For I am his and he is mine- Bought with the
 me from his hand; Till he re - turns or calls me home, Here in the



love of Christ I stand.
 death of Christ I live.
 pre - cious blood of Christ.
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SACRAMENT

Our church practices membership communion.

We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, partake of the Sacrament.

THE BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

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God's Word is our great her-i - tage And shall be ours for - ev - er; To spread its



light from age to age Shall be our chief en - deav - or. Through life it



guides our way; In death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en-



- dure, We keep its teach-ings pure Through-out all gen-er - a - tions.

SCHOOL UPDATE VIDEO

TOWN MEETING:

Please set aside some time Sunday, November 15th, at 11:30a for COR's Town Meeting. Come and share this opportunity to hear about and discuss Christ Our Redeemer's Ministry. In addition to the presentation of our annual budget, topics of conversation include increasing the grades in our school from 5th to 7th Grade. A Call for a new teacher to teach Grades 4-7 (Ms. Nitz's Call was a one year Call) and take over as Principal (Mrs. Miller has asked to step down from this position). Adding Kindergarten back to the Preschool classroom and including Grades 1-3 in our middle classroom. Your thoughts and participation are appreciated.

RMLHS Fall Play: *"The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon"*, a historical farce that combines many Brothers Grimm Fairy Tales into one large extravaganza! Performances are at Lord of Life, 12021 Northaven Circle in Thornton Friday, November 6 at 7p and Saturday, November 7 at 2p and 6p. Go to <http://bit.ly/RMLTickets> to purchase tickets: Children 17 and under free, adults \$5. Each performance is limited to an audience of 50.

COR Canned Food Drive: We are hosting a non-perishable food drive November 2nd thru the 13th. Please put your non-perishable donations in the bins marked food drive. Suggested items include: dried or canned beans, canned meat, tuna, salmon, nuts, dried fruit, peanut butter, canned fruits, canned vegetables. Anything high in fiber and lower in sugar is appreciated.

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