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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE As children of the Lutheran Reformation may we rejoice that we are saved *Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura* (By Grace Alone, By Faith Alone, By Scripture Alone).

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. Feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Oh keep us in your Word, we pray; the guile and rage of Satan stay! Oh may your mercy never cease! Give concord, patience, courage, peace. Oh grant that in your Holy Word we here may live and die, dear Lord, and when our journey's ending here, receive us into glory there. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME What a gift God gave to his Church through the Lutheran Reformation! The bright light of God's "new covenant," his saving grace in Jesus Christ, pierced through the darkness of law-oppressed religion. As sons and daughters of the Lutheran Reformation, we both preserve this truth and share it with the world.

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OPENING HYMN *Preserve Your Word, O Savior* | **CW 289**

M: ♪ O Lord, open my lips.
C: ♪ **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: ♪ Hasten to save me, O God.
C: ♪ **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: ♪ The Lord be with you.
C: ♪ **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need in life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **(spoken) Amen.**

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU
♪ **Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**



M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

PSALM 46 page 84 in the front of the hymnal

FIRST LESSON Daniel 3:16-28
Like the three men in the fiery furnace, not even the threat of death could keep Martin Luther from proclaiming the Gospel Truth.

¹⁶Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, "We have no need to answer you about this matter. ¹⁷Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty. ¹⁸But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up." ¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. ²⁰He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. ²¹So these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace. ²²Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire. ²³But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, "Didn't we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?" They answered the king, "Certainly, Your Majesty." ²⁵He said, "Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, "Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!" Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace. ²⁷The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to

them. ²⁸Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king’s command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 14:6-7

Through faithful confessors like Martin Luther the eternal gospel continues to be proclaimed from generation to generation.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷He said with a loud voice: Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

HYMN

O Lord, Look Down from Heaven | **CW 205**
To the tune of Hymn 299

**O Lord, look down from heav’n, behold, And let your pity waken.
How few are we within your fold, Your saints by all forsaken;
True faith seems quenched on ev’ry hand; Your Word is not allowed to stand.
Dark times have us o’ertaken.**

**O God, root out all heresy, And of false teachers rid us
Who proudly say, “Now where is he Who shall our speech forbid us?
By right or might we shall prevail; What we determine cannot fail;
We want no lord and master!”**

**Therefore said God, “I must arise—The poor my help are needing.
To me ascend my people’s cries, And I have heard their pleading.
For them my saving Word shall fight And fearlessly and sharply smite,
The poor with might defending.”**

**Defend your truth, O God, and stay This evil generation,
And from the error of its way Keep your own congregation.
The wicked ev’rywhere abound And would your little flock confound,
But you are our salvation!**

SERMON TEXT

Mark 13:5-11

As children of the Lutheran Reformation, may we stand up for the truth in a world filled with the devil’s lies.

⁵Jesus began by telling them, “Be careful that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.”

“Look Out for Trouble”

Pastor Boehringer

1. For those who have gone before us
2. For us today
3. For those who come after us

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | **CW 200**

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: ♪ In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

M: ♪ For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your Church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Christ, have mercy.**

M: ♪ For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

M: ♪ For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: ♪ For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: ♪ For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

M: ♪ In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord:

C: ♪ **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the

fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

SONG OF SIMEON

**♪ In peace, Lord, you let your servant now depart according
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared for ev'ry people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the
glory of your people Israel.**

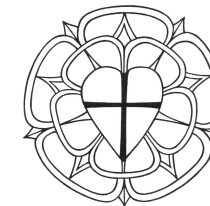
BLESSING

M: ♪ 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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word | **CW 203**



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