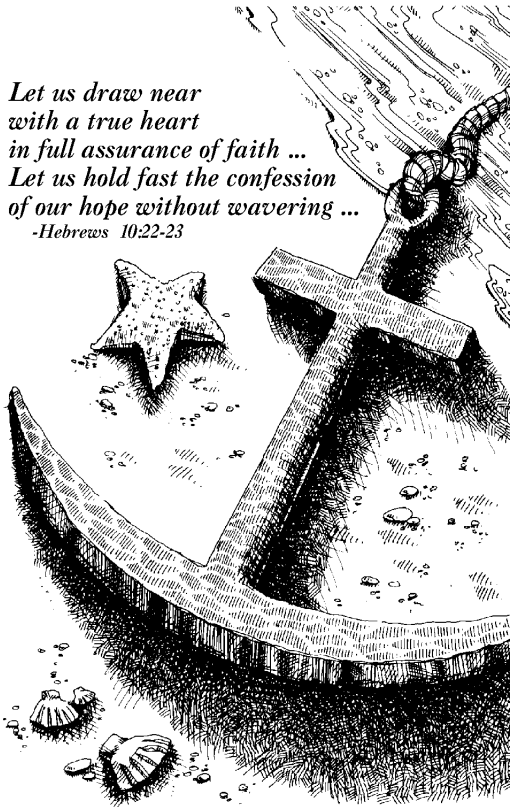


*Let us draw near
with a true heart
in full assurance of faith ...
Let us hold fast the confession
of our hope without wavering ...
-Hebrews 10:22-23*



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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of Your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of Life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN: 239 Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.

Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty Sword,
Our prayer attend.

Come and Thy people bless And give Thy Word success;
Stablish Thy righteousness, Savior and Friend!

3. Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.

Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r!

4. To the great One in Three Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!

His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see
And to eternity Love and adore!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 5:1-6

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. ² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. ³ And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. ⁴ You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt* to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. ⁵ For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:16-23

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. ¹⁷ But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues.

¹⁸ You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

²¹ “Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ²² And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 261 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow’r make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

THE SERMON: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

Theme: Reformation Perseverance in Faith

- I. Facing Persecution with Faith
- II. Trusting in God’s Deliverance

SERMON TEXT: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

¹¹ Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. ¹² And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?"

The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

¹⁶ So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast *him* into the den of lions. *But* the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." ¹⁷ Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

¹⁸ Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him.

¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

²³ Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 774 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;

Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done;
Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant One
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.

3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain,
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will – Hate, steal, hurt, or kill –
Though all may be gone,
Our victory is won;
The kingdom's ours forever!

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 50:1-2 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, Oh, refresh us, Trav'ling thro' this wilderness!

2. Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound;

Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the Truth may we be found!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. We will continue a special video mission evangelism series prepared by the CLC's Committee on Domestic Fields following the service. We will meet in the fellowship hall spreading out with families at individual tables to maintain social distancing. The presentation will be about 45 minutes. Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

November 26: Thanksgiving Day! Worship at 9:30 a.m.

December 2, 9, 16 Midweek Advent Services at 7:00 p.m. (There will NOT be soup and sandwich suppers before these services this year.)

December 20 Children's Christmas Program at 9:30 a.m.

December 25: Christmas festival worship at 9:30.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Oct. 25 worship – 15 No Bible Class; Sunday school - 0

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials	
Offerings Received	\$965.00	Missions	\$20.00

Needed for Year:	\$52,500.00
Received for Year:	\$47,169.00

November Church Cleaning - Hellickson

VOLUNTEER FAMILY? Since we cannot under the present COVID 19 restriction have our traditional congregational fellowship with church decorating, we are asking if there would be a family that would decorate the Christmas before the Dec. 5 and then remove the tree decorations after the season is over on or about the 10th of January. Please consider this and let the pastor know if you would be willing to do one or both of these activities.

CLC NEWS: Recently colloquized pastor Johnathan Schnose has accepted the call to serve as resident vacancy pastor to Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Aaron Ude, Good Shepherd, SD has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace, Sleepy Eye & Faith, New Ulm, MN has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. Retired teacher Gerhardt Mueller was called to be with the Lord this past Tuesday morning. Gerhardt was known for his gifts as organist, and excellence in supervising students practicing teaching with him. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Bernice Mueller, 573 S. Park Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. (Gerhardt was the great- grandfather of our congregation member Ryan Mueller.)