

The God we serve is able to save us.

Daniel 3:17



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Reformation 2018




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Reformation Sunday

November 3/4, 2018

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, grant to us your servants, snatched from the fire by your grace and mercy, to live lives that are compelled by the love of Christ, motivated by the gospel, and energized by the power of the Holy Spirit working through your saving Word. In the midst of a sin-darkened world surrounded by evil, teach us to hold fast to your Word of truth. Cause us never to compromise, but ever to proclaim it for the strengthening of the faith of the saints, and to turn unbelievers to you as their Savior. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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ANTHEM

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?

8 and 9:30 am

*Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not every man?
He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,
and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, so why not every man?*

*I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail; it landed over on Canaan's shore,
and I'll never come back no more!*

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW201

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 3:16-30

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the

strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They

replied, "Certainly, O king." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on

them. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives

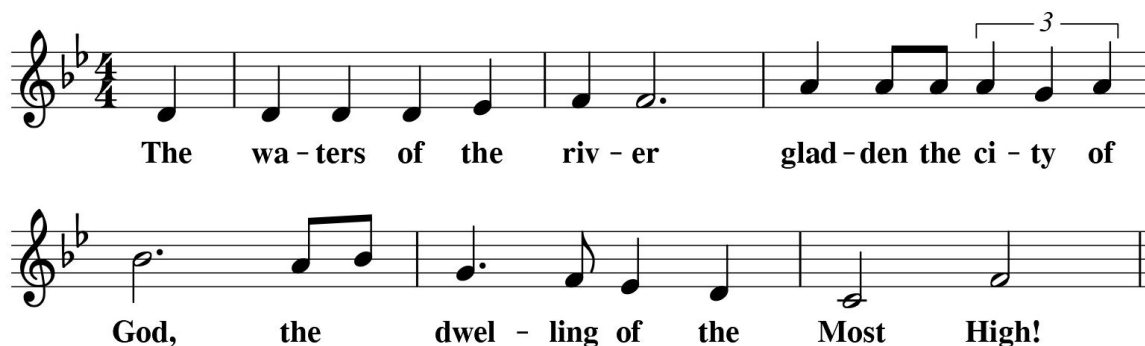
rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be

turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way." Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 46

Choir Refrain



*Choir God is our refuge and our strength, An ever-present help in distress.
We fear not, though the earth be shaken, And mountains plunge into the sea.*

Cong. Refrain

*Choir There is a stream that gladdens the city, the holy dwelling of the Most High.
God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn.*

Cong. Refrain

*Choir The Lord of hosts is with us; Our stronghold is the God of Jacob.
Come! Behold the deeds of the Lord, the astounding things he has wrought on earth.*

Cong. Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's

own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of

God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:5-11

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

HYMN of the DAY

Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word

CW203: 7 pm & 11 am

As written: 8 & 9:30 am

*Choir: Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame.
Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.*

**Cong: Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow Your Son And to destroy what He has done.**

*Choir: And Jesus said, "If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples."
Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.*

**Cong: Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your Christendom that we May sing Your praise eternally.**

*Choir: There is one body, there is one Spirit, there is one hope for which we live, one Lord,
one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.
Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.*

**Cong: 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.**

Choir: Lord keep us steadfast in Your Word.

SERMON

Daniel 3:16-30

GOD WILL RESCUE US FROM THE FIRE

1. STAND FIRMLY ON HIS WORD
2. SUBMIT HUMBLY TO HIS WILL

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To our worship guests seeking an altar at which to commune: Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ, we ask that those who are not communicant members of our fellowship please schedule a meeting with the pastor before coming to the Lord's Table. We ask this in loving obedience to the Scriptures and not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*In Trembling Hands,
Lord God, We Hold*

CW199

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PREACHER

ORGANISTS

JUNIOR CHOIR (Gr. 5-8)

MIXED CHOIR

FLUTE

CANTOR

Pastor Jeff Bovee
Adrian Smith
Josiah Smith
Jim Dretske
Bethel Boeder
Leah Wendland
Adrian Smith

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	2 pm	MLC Musical: <i>Crazy for You</i>
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue	6:30 pm	Education Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John’s Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
	7 pm	MVL Band Concert
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Fri	6:30 am	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: “On Giving Advice to God”
	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Class: Proverbs
	7 pm	MVL Choral Fest Pops Concert
Sat	9 am	Cards of Caring, 403 N. Minnesota St.

† Upcoming Weekend Services †

Saturday: 7 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 11	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	11 am	Great Plains choir
	2 pm	MVL Choral Fest Sacred Concert
Nov 12	10 am	Organ Tuning
	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
Nov 13	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Nov 14	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Nov 15	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Nov 16	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
Nov 17	9 am	Youth Group: Leaf Raking Project
Nov 18	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 607.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,250	Home Operations ~ \$14,532 is our weekly need		
\$914	MVL ~ \$1,118 is our weekly need	\$30	Endowment Fund
\$1,285	Missions ~ \$1,648 is our weekly need	\$30	Memorials
\$2,044	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$25	Church Library Fund
\$10	Christian Family Solutions	\$5	Food & Fellowship

Church Library ~ This weekend, our church library will be having a give-away in the new narthex. These items are no longer needed or used by the library and will be free to take. Thank you. Your new church librarian, LeiLani Rahn.

Women of St. John's ~ Our next gathering will take place Tuesday, Nov 6 at 7 pm in the church basement. Come be inspired to share the gospel with others by Bryant and Denise Karstens who will present on their recent mission trip to Texas this past summer. Elections for the offices of president and secretary are also slated to take place that evening. Please speak with Donna Dose or Jeneane Thiesfeldt if you are interested in possibly serving this way or have questions about the positions.

Cards of Caring ~ The "Cards of Caring" volunteers continue to make cards to send to members who are on our church's homebound or "thinking of you" list. We send cards for birthdays, anniversaries, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter/Valentine's and Easter. We also make cards for our confirmands and for our LWMS Befriend a Mission families. We will meet Saturday, Nov 10, at 403 N. Minnesota St. between the hours of 9 am and noon. Come as your schedule allows. Assistance is needed with creating cards from recycled cards or using decorative stamps, writing greetings in the cards, applying Scripture verse stamps, seals, and prepping envelopes. Everyone is welcome from age 12 and older to come for fun and fellowship. We also welcome all MLC students. For information contact Lois Willems at 676-1230.

Choral Fest, November 9-11 ~ St. John's will host Great Plains Lutheran High School Choir and will serve them a lunch at St. John's in the basement on Sunday, Nov 11th at 12:00 noon. Food donations and helpers are needed. Please consider participating in this event by signing up on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you. Please contact Jeneane Thiesfeldt if you have questions at thiesfjm@gmail.com or 507-240-4523.

Youth Group ~ Youth in grades 6-12 may join us for the annual leaf raking service project on Saturday, Nov 17. We will meet at the church at 9 am and go until 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided at church. During lunch, there will be a planning meeting for the upcoming Christmas for Kids event. Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan transportation. Parents: we will probably need 2 drivers. Please consider driving for this event and sign up on the board or email Lisa at ali3b2g@gmail.com.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wreath Sales ~ MVL students will be in their home congregations to assist with Christmas wreath orders on the following Sundays: Nov 4 and 11. Deliveries will be made before Thanksgiving.

Matching Gift for St. Paul's School Building Project ~ *A Time to Build* project at St Paul's Lutheran School will be moving ahead and donations are needed to maintain the momentum! To encourage those who are considering a donation to the building fund, a member of St. John's is offering a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$10,000 for contributions made before Thanksgiving. If the \$10,000 is fully matched by Thanksgiving, the donor will provide another \$5,000 of matching funds until Christmas! Watch for more information on this exciting opportunity in weeks to come!

MLC Fall Musical ~ MLC Forum Productions will present the Gershwin hit *Crazy for You* this Sunday, Nov 4, at 2 pm. Order your tickets now by visiting mlc-wels.edu/forum or calling 233-9114.

Veterans' Day Program at MVL ~ 'The Veterans' Day recognition will be held Wednesday, Nov 7. Veterans and their guests are invited to a breakfast in the MVL commons before the program. Please contact Kristin Matzke, 507-233-8662 or kmatzke@mvlhs.org, to RSVP. The public is invited to the hour-long program, which begins at 9 am in the MVL gymnasium.

WELS Choral Fest ~ MVL is excited to host the 2018 WELS West Regional Choral Festival. Students from 11 visiting WELS high schools will be performing alongside the Choraliers. You are invited to two special concerts in the MVL gymnasium: the Pops Concert on Friday, Nov. 9 at 7 pm and the Sacred Concert on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2 pm.

Spirit of MVL Events ~ The annual Spirit of MVL complimentary recognition reception and ticketed fundraising gala will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the New Ulm Conference Center (part of the Best Western Plus). Please visit mvl.org/spirit-of-mvl for more details.

MVL ~ MVL is looking for a speech coach for the 2018-19 season which will run from December-early April. Practices will be determined by the coach's availability. This is a paid position. For further information, contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org or 507-233-8658.

Pancake Breakfast ~ The Raider Event Committee would like to invite everyone to a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 18, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Paul's Church. There will be pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice, coffee and water. Freewill donations from this breakfast will help support the School Building Project. You can also help support the project by donating baked goods or shopping at the bake sale, which will be held in the narthex. If you are interested in donating baked goods for the bake sale, please drop them off Saturday afternoon/evening (after 3 pm) or Sunday morning by 8 am in the St. Paul's Church kitchen. Here is a suggested guideline for pricing your items: Plate of cookies \$1-3, Bars (cut large) \$1 each, Small breads \$3-\$5, Large bread \$5-\$7, Pies & cakes \$10-\$12, Muffins \$1 each

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony is pleased to present *Collage: Music for Winds and Percussion* on Sunday, Nov 18, at 3 pm in the Wittenberg Collegiate Auditorium. Please join us!

OWLS Meeting ~ Schedule conflicts require the November meeting of OWLS to be held on Monday, November 19. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's with Fellowship at 11:30 and a Potluck at 12:00. The Devotion is scheduled for 12:45 with the Program beginning at 1:00. The Program will feature Amy Rich who has traveled to Thailand and is excited to present for us her Thailand Travelogue. All Seniors in our congregations are cordially invited. Werner Lemke, our Convention Coordinator will be happy to tell us anything we want to know about our successful 2018 Convention at the Osthoff Resort.

Volunteer Opportunity ~ WELS Christian Aid and Relief is still looking for volunteers to help with hurricane cleanup in Florida. Airfare and accommodations will be provided. Work will primarily be cleaning up trees, with some other jobs possible. Please contact Brian Roeller at 651-210-7524 or broeller@comcast.net.

Job Opening ~ St. Paul's Lutheran School is hiring a part-time assistant for the school office. The position is for 10 hours per week from December through May of this school year. The primary responsibility is data entry. We are accepting applications now through Nov 10. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Markgraf at the school office for more information including a detailed job description.

About the Cover ~ Dutch artist C.L. van Kesteren (1870), famous for his etchings and ink drawings, drew this portrayal of the three men who were thrown into the fiery furnace when they refused to bow down to the statue erected by the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar. Not knowing whether God would spare them from the flames, they still knew God would save their souls from the flames of hell, therefore they refused to yield, and held fast to God's Word and to their faith. In the end, the fourth man in the furnace who stood with them among the flames, and who we believe to have been the preincarnate Christ, saved them. The same Savior delivered Martin Luther from his enemies, and also promises to be with us always. No matter what we face, may God grant us the ability to stand firm against Satan and all false teaching, and make us true and faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ who saved us by his grace.