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DANIEL 6:10-12, 16-23

Reformation Sunday
October 28/29, 2023

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Prayer before worship: God, forgive us for the times that we've been timid about sharing our faith or even hidden our faith from others to avoid persecution or just an awkward situation. Thank you for sending Jesus to win that forgiveness for us defeating satan, that prowling lion, looking for souls to devour. Thank you for the forgiveness that we have in him by grace alone, through faith alone, as you have revealed in the Scriptures alone. Now help us to take a bold stand for you and your truth! Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word. Amen.

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ANTHEM - 11 am

Only By Grace

Karen Maio

1. *It's only by grace that I believe and only through faith that I receive from God above a gift of his love, so that I can be saved by grace.*

Refrain

Only by grace pure and free, God's Son has died for me.

Now heaven's my home to be, and it's only by grace! It's only by grace!

2. *It's only by grace I'm set apart and only through faith within my heart. I'll follow your ways and sing you my praise out of thanks for your gift of grace. Refrain*

3. *It's only by grace that I'm forgiv'n and only through faith will I see heav'n. It's where I will be for eternity 'cause I know I am saved by grace! Refrain*

I deserved death, but Jesus took my place.

Now I have eternal life, and it's only by grace! Refrain

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OPENING HYMN

If Your Beloved Son, O God

CW559

CONFESSION

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LESSON

Daniel 6:10–12,16–23

¹⁰Now 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. ¹¹Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹²So 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The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

¹⁶So 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!”

¹⁷A 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. ¹⁸Then 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.

¹⁹At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰When 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?”

²¹Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²²My 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.”

²³The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY - 6:30 pm & 11 am *Psalm 46*

PSALM of the DAY - 8 & 9:30 am *Psalm 46E*

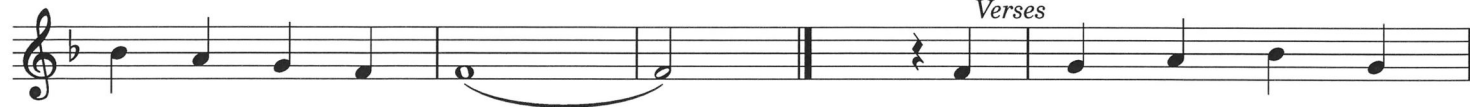
Choir sings verses and first refrain, Congregation sings subsequent refrains

Refrain



If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us? God is our sal - va - tion,

Verses



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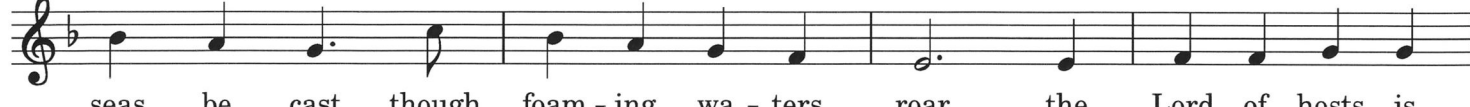
1. God is our ref - uge
2. A riv - er flows whose
3. Be - hold the won - drous



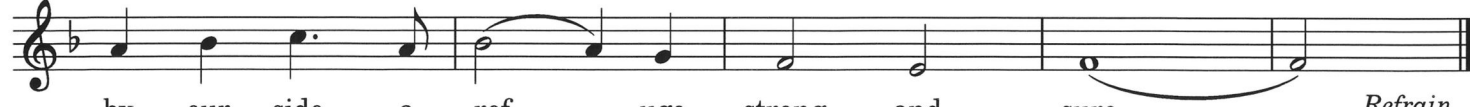
and our strength, an ev - er pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the
streams make glad the cit - y of our God, the ho - ly dwell - ing
deeds of God, who caus - es wars to cease; the weap - ons of the



earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid; though hills in - to the
of the Lord, the place of God's a - bode. Since God is in the
strong de - stroyed, God brings a - bid - ing peace. "Be still and know that



seas be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar, the Lord of hosts is
midst of it, our safe - ty is se - cure;
I am God, ex - alt - ed ev - er - more;"



by our side, a ref - uge strong and sure. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a

sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

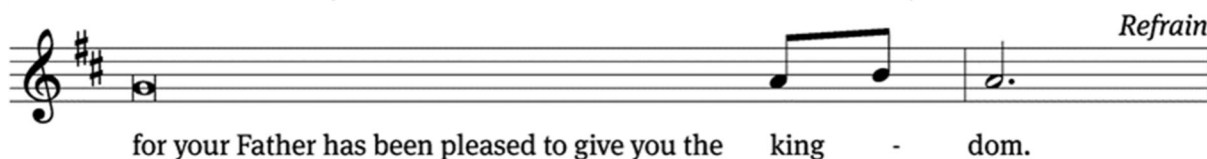
²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain



GOSPEL

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. ¹⁷Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹But 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, ²⁰for 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. ²²You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³When you are

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY - 6:30 pm & 11 am - 8 & 9:30 am	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	CW863
	Stanza 1	All
	<i>Stanza 2</i>	<i>Choir</i>
	Stanzas 3 & 4	All
		Paul Bunjes

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

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OFFERING	<i>see announcement</i>
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HYMN *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* **CW 862**
8 and 9:30 am Congregation sings stanzas 1 & 3; Choir sings stanza 2

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CLOSING HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* CW 820

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PREACHER	Pastor Rob Guenther
ORGAN	Pastor Jacob Behnken
SENIOR CHOIR	Becky Berg
TRUMPET	Dan Borgwardt, Josiah Smith, Karen Ladner
OBOE	Ella Wurster
CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Gr. 1-4)	Kirstie Klug

MLC LECTORS Throughout the year, St. John's asks men who are studying for the pastoral ministry to read for a service. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers.

6:30 pm	Caleb Carlovsky	St. Paul's, New Ulm, MN
8 am	Jonathan Harbach	St. John's, Hastings, MN
9:30 am	Maxwell Plocher	Grace, St. Joseph, MI
11 am	Justus Borgwardt	St. John's, New Ulm, MN

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of Job
	11 am	Gr. 1-4 sing
	1 pm	VR Camp
	2 pm	MVL Play <i>Larceny and Old Lace</i> at State Street Theater
	3 pm	Joint Reformation at MLC
	5 pm	VR Camp
Mon	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Wed	10 am	Catechism
	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class :The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	MLC Fall Musical <i>Hello, Dolly!</i>
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship
	7 pm	MLC Fall Musical <i>Hello, Dolly!</i>

† **Upcoming Services** †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 5	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of Job
	2 pm	MLC Fall Musical <i>Hello, Dolly!</i>
Nov 6	5:30 pm	Education Meeting
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Nov 7	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Nov 8	10 am	Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Nov 9	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Nov 10	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Nov 11	9 am	Cards of Caring at 403 N. Minnesota St.
	6:30 pm	Worship
Nov 12	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of Job

Go to www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar for more events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 424 with 310 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$8,889	Home Operations ~ \$30,392 is our weekly need		
\$462	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$300	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$467	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$150	Christian Aid & Relief
\$492	Building Fund	\$75	Endowment Fund
\$15	75th Ann. Sanctuary Renovation	\$10	Christian Family Solutions
\$38	Food & Fellowship		

Daylight Savings ~ Daylight savings ends next weekend. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.



Women of St. John's ~ Our November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7th at 7 pm in the church basement. Brad Price will be giving a presentation on the Lutheran Military Support Group. Following his presentation, we will have a brief business meeting including elections for our vice-president and treasurer. Please contact Sarah Logston at logstonsarah@gmail.com if you are interested in serving in one of these roles.

Sanctuary Screens ~ It was recommended to the voters and passed at the July 25th Voter's meeting to purchase and install screens on the two sides of the sanctuary. Funds had already been raised for this technology during the past several years. The Tech Committee and other volunteers will coordinate the installation of the equipment as soon as feasible. Members will soon see two 85" screens, one on each side in front of the chancel area. Plans are that volunteers can easily advance slides during worship. If you would be interested in advancing slides for services, please contact Staff Minister, Jim Dretske at sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com or fill out an interest survey online at <https://bit.ly/SJScreenSurvey>.

Volunteers Needed ~ St. John's supports the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf by providing volunteers to assist clients on the third Monday of each month from 11:45-3 pm. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering in 2024, please indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Carla Melendy (507-217-9750) or Deb Beatty (507-276-2722).

Cards of Caring ~ We will focus on making Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. All supplies are furnished. If you can't create cards, we have other simple tasks you can do. We welcome those from seventh grade and older, including MLC students. We will meet on Saturday, November 11th from 9 am until noon. Come as your schedule allows. See you at 403 N. Minnesota St. (across from the Glockenspiel). This is an opportunity for fellowship and service to the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world. Members, you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 am - 1 pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Fall Play ~ Ahoy, mateys! MVL's drama department is at it again! This fall's kooky comedy, *Larceny and Old Lace* is sure to make you laugh as you watch loveable characters try to solve the mystery of the multiplying loot. From casinos to the FBI, this show has it all. Bring the whole family to the play which is running at State Street Theater (1 N. State Street, New Ulm) this Sunday at 2 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door. We can't wait to see you there!

Joint Reformation Service at MLC ~ on Sunday, October 29 at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ, 1995 Luther Court. Martin Luther wrote, "The gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music." In 1523, Luther began writing hymns for congregational singing. One of the first hymns he wrote is "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice." Join us as the congregations of the Mankato Conference and River Valley Conference celebrate the Reformation at the Joint Reformation Service.

MLC Fall Musical ~ MLC presents *Hello, Dolly!* on November 3-5 (Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 2 pm). This musical adaptation of Thornton Wilder's hit play *The Matchmaker* bursts with humor, romance, energetic dance, and some of the greatest songs in musical theatre history. The romantic and comic exploits of Dolly Gallagher-Levi, turn-of-the-century matchmaker and "woman who arranges things," are certain to thrill and entertain you. Be sure to join us for this delightful musical comedy!

MVL Wreath Sales ~ MVL will again be selling wreaths, swags, live garland, and spruce pots to help bring the sights and scents of Christmas to your home or business! Look for friendly MVL students at your church to help you place your order. You may also go to the MVL website and place your order online. Order deadline is Sunday, November 12, and we hope to deliver most products to your church by Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support! May God bless your upcoming celebrations!

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ tim•bre |'tambər| The character or quality of a musical sound or voice as distinct from its pitch and intensity. In colloquial terms, musicians often refer to timbre as "color." In a wind band, no single instrument family is considered the "core" timbre of the ensemble. Rather, the wind band is a varied mix of woodwinds, brass, and percussions, equally contributing their unique colors to bring a composition to life. Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for Colors and Contours on Sunday, November 19, at 3 pm in the MLC Auditorium. Also featured on the program are three student conductors who are majoring in instrumental music: Richard Giese, Joseph Panning, and Emma Pufahl. The concert is free and open to the public. Can't make it in person? Catch the livestream on MLC's YouTube channel.

The St. Paul's School Campaign Committee ~ is looking forward to our fun upcoming events! Please save the dates and plan to join us:

Saturday November 18: Bake Sale: This event is perfect timing for your upcoming Thanksgiving needs or just because. We'd love for you to simply drop by the table before or after worship to grab your favorites or even bake for the sale, if you're able. Please price your baked goods before dropping them off Saturday evening before church. For pricing suggestions, head here: <https://bit.ly/SPbakesalepricing>

Sunday, November 19: Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale: Bring your free-all donations for the School Building Project when you enjoy a breakfast made just for you!

If you'd like to volunteer to help the weekend of the Bake Sale and Pancake Breakfast, you can find sign-up information at <https://signup.com/go/BFoPseV>.

Sunday, February 4: Amazing Race

Friday, May 10: Dig In Gala

Contact Campaign Committee Member Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com with your questions.

Job Openings ~ Assistant head cook needed at St Paul's Lutheran School. Job duties include but are not limited to preparing & serving lunch and clean up. If interested please pick up an application at St Paul's school or church office. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at cook@splnewulm.org.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of bus drivers. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver, contact Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is also looking a substitute worker for the kitchen. Are you interested in casual employment or volunteering in the MVL kitchen? This is an on-call position to substitute on days regular workers are gone. Please contact Beth Fluegge for more information at foodservice@mvlhs.org or call or text 507-993-5195.

Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Financial Aid, a full-time Director of Alumni Relations and a part-time Assistant Coaches in baseball and tennis. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ This painting, entitled "Daniel in the Lion's Den" was painted in oil on canvas by Briton Rivière (1840-1920) in 1872. It is on display in the Museum of Liverpool at the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool, England. It, of course, depicts an elderly Daniel in a den of hungry lions. He was thrown into the den to be eaten by the lions because he stood fast and refused to obey the king's command to stop worshipping the true God. Martin Luther took a similar stand, risking his life, when he refused to follow the emperor's command to remain silent. May God give us the strength to take a bold stand as these men did, motivated by the good news that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, as God has revealed in the Scriptures alone. To God alone be the glory!