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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Courageous Living in Turbulent Times Part 9
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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department.

Before Service Prayer: Gracious God and Lord, in Your mercy You have brought us to the beginning of another week. Help us to prepare to use it most effectively by feeding on Your word in Your house this day. As we join with fellow Christians in praising Your Sacred name, fill us with Your Spirit's power to walk in Your ways and make decisions in harmony with Your will. Assure us of Your abiding presence and gracious blessing on all we undertake. Enable us to live each day in the awareness of Your steadfast love in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Hear and bless us for His sake. Amen.

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Today's Theme: Daniel is given a vision of the overthrow of one kingdom by another. His vision paints a bleak picture for God's people after they return home. Yet, the day of relief would eventually come and desecration and desolation would be replaced with consecration.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: "O Light Whose Splendor Thrills" (WOV 728, and CW 594)

**Oh Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens
with radiance brighter than the sun,
pure gleam of God's unending glory,
Oh Jesus, blest Anointed One:**

**We thank You that Your Church, unsleeping
While earth rolls onward into light
Through all the world her watch is keeping
And never rests by day or night.**

**As over continent and island
Each dawn leads to another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor do the praises die away.**

**So be it, Lord; Your throne shall never,
Like earths proud kingdoms, pass away.
Your kingdom stands and grows forever
Until there dawns Your glorious day.**

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C: Serve the LORD with gladness!

P: Know that the LORD, He is God!

C: It is He who made us, and we are His;

P: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

C: For the LORD is good;

P: His steadfast love endures forever,

C: and His faithfulness to all generations. (*Psalm 100*)

Confession and Absolution

(*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*)

P: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: we confess to You the sinfulness by which we are thoroughly corrupted. Our nature and being, which You created to be good, is soiled and tarnished with sin. We are too quickly lured by the enticements of this world. We harbor selfishness in our hearts, giving our love, affection, devotion, and worship to created things rather than to You, our most holy Creator. For these and all our sins, forgive us dear Father, for the sake of Your Son Christ Jesus, our Lord, who gave His body and shed His blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

P: God, in His mercy, hears your confession and for Christ's sake grants you full and complete pardon. Therefore, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, by His authority, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.

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The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, Your ears are always open to the prayers of Your humble servants, who come to You in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to Your will and help us to continue to pray, especially when Your Church is persecuted and Your people face hardships on account of our faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The First Lesson: Psalm 119:153-160 (The Psalmist prays to the Lord during a time of persecution. During his time of trial and persecution, the Psalmist takes comfort in the word of God which points him to the compassion and faithfulness of the LORD.)

- 153 Look on my suffering and deliver me,
for I have not forgotten Your law.
- 154 Defend my cause and redeem me;
preserve my life according to Your promise.
- 155 Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek out Your decrees.

- ¹⁵⁶ Your compassion, LORD, is great;
preserve my life according to Your laws.
- ¹⁵⁷ Many are the foes who persecute me,
but I have not turned from Your statutes.
- ¹⁵⁸ I look on the faithless with loathing,
for they do not obey Your word.
- ¹⁵⁹ See how I love Your precepts;
preserve my life, LORD, in accordance with Your love.
- ¹⁶⁰ All Your words are true;
all Your righteous laws are eternal. (NIV 2011)

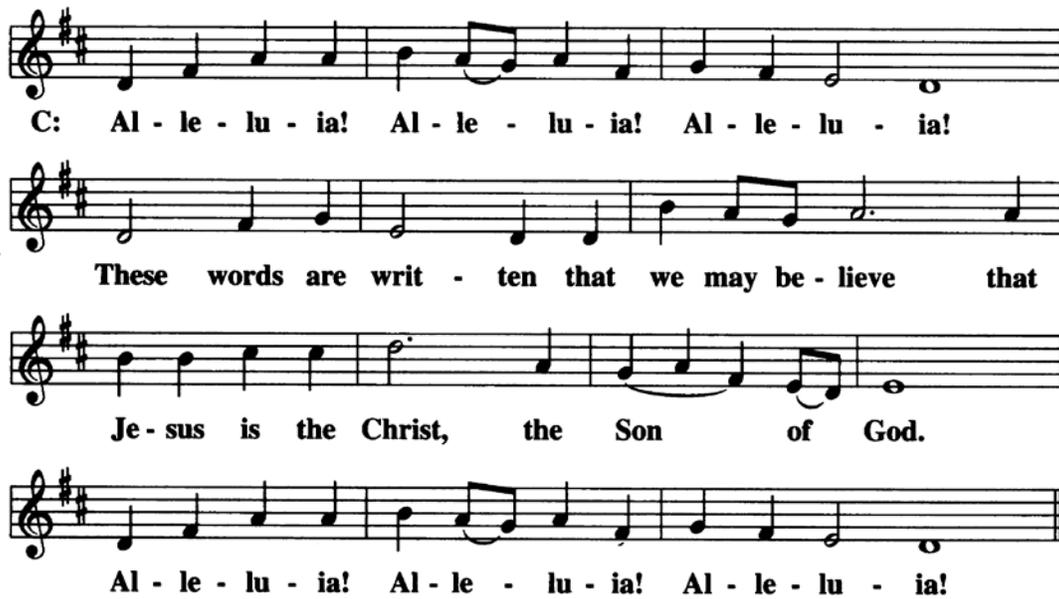
Church Council Installation

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:32-39 (The writer to the Hebrews, likely a man named Apollos, wrote to Jewish believers, encouraging them to remain in their faith and not shrink back. The writer identifies some of the types of persecution they faced: insults, imprisonment, confiscation of property. Yet, in the past, they bore up under such persecution. Now they needed to do that same thing.)

- ³² Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. ³⁴ You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. ³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.
- ³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. ³⁷ For,
“In just a little while,
He who is coming will come
and will not delay.”
- ³⁸ And,
“But my righteous one will live by faith.
And I take no pleasure
in the one who shrinks back.”
- ³⁹ But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. (NIV 2011)

Reception of New Member

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68 cf. NIV)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 5:10-12** (Usually, you would think of people who endure hardship for their Christian faith as poor, pitiful people. Jesus uses another word to describe His people who face persecution for their faith: "BLESSED.")

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Sermon Text: Daniel 8:1-14

In the third year of King Belshazzar’s reign, I, Daniel, had a vision, after the one that had already appeared to me.² In my vision I saw myself in the citadel of Susa in the province of Elam; in the vision I was beside the Ulai Canal.³ I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later.⁴ I watched the ram as it charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against it, and none could rescue from its power. It did as it pleased and became great.

⁵ As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between its eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground.⁶ It came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at it in great rage.⁷ I saw it attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering its two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against it; the goat knocked it to the ground and trampled on it, and none could rescue the ram from its power.⁸ The goat became very great, but at the height of its power the large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.

⁹ Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land.¹⁰ It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.¹¹ It set itself up to be as great as the commander of the army of the LORD; it took away the daily sacrifice from the LORD, and his sanctuary was thrown down.¹² Because of rebellion, the LORD’s people and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.

¹³ Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, “How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled—the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, the surrender of the sanctuary and the trampling underfoot of the LORD’s people?”

¹⁴ He said to me, “It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be re-consecrated.”

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

The Offertory

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

P: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Closing Hymn: CW 405 “Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink”

The Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Set-Up for VBS and Sand Volleyball Camp

Monday – Friday—**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL from 9:00 – 11:30 AM**
SAND VOLLEYBALL CAMP from 12:00 – 2:30 PM

Friday—**VBS WRAP-UP PICNIC LUNCH AT 11:30 AM**

Next Sunday— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

John Lester has posted the VBS registration form on New Life's website at <http://newlife-wels.org/vbs.htm> VBS is first and foremost for the kids of New Life. The easiest way to register your child / children for VBS is via the website.

At this time, we have 9 four-year-olds and 12 three-year-olds registered for the upcoming school year. There still is room in both classes, so if you know of anyone looking for a preschool, direct them to Tree of Life.

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to reserve a spot on a charter bus for the Reformation Rally on October 30, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Chicago. The bus will leave the church parking lot at approximately 2 PM on that day. The service is at 4:00 PM and the meal is at 5:30 PM.

Friends of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary – On Saturday, Oct. 1, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary will host *Friends of the Seminary Day*. This annual event provides WELS members an opportunity to visit the beautiful seminary campus and learn more about the seminary's work. The day begins with fellowship and breakfast snacks at 8:00 a.m. Worship follows at 9:00 a.m. Activities include presentations by students and faculty members, guided tours of the campus, and a noon meal. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to attend. A fifteen passenger van will be reserved to take people to and from the Seminary for the morning activities.

A preschool supply list has been posted. If you'd like to purchase an item for preschool, to help cut start-up costs, you can purchase the item and indicate what you will do on the supply list.

The church council assignments for the 2016-17 fiscal year are as follows: Craig LaPlante—Chairman, Craig Dundore—Secretary, Brent Anderson—Treasurer, Ken Sarvady—Financial Secretary, John Landenberger—Property, Worship and Education—Pastor Bauer, Outreach—Pat Dexter and Toby James, Elder—Mike Spangle, Stewardship—Steve Flunker and Fellowship—Blair Freeman. Toby James has accepted the appointment to fill out the remaining two years on David Kolakowski's term.

