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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD



The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting Three
22 & 23 August AD 2026

Order of Service

Carillon Peal

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: #808 – O Sing to the Lord

(8:00) Baptism of Arden Wallace Franke

(8:00) Hymn: #594 – God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

- P** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**
P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
C **tell of all his wondrous works!**
P Glory in his holy name;
C **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**
P Seek the Lord and his strength;
C **seek his presence continually!**
P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
C **his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**
P O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
C **children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**
P Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

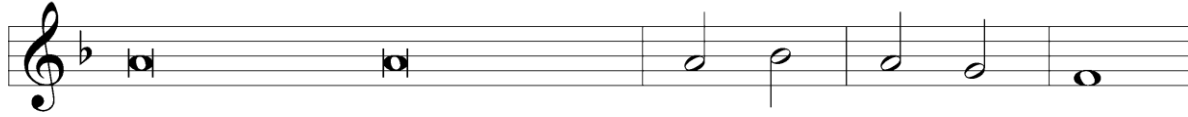
P Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



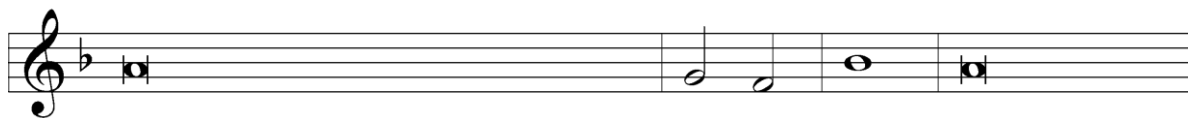
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



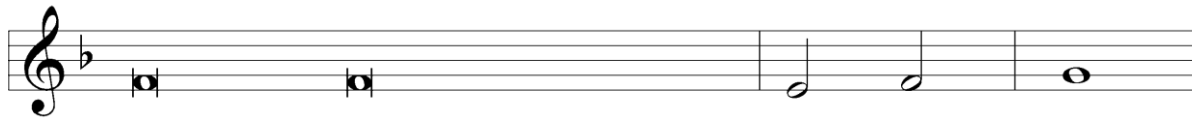
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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.

Old Testament Reading:

Daniel 3:13-28

¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

¹⁹ 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 ²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²² 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, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴ 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, Your Majesty.”

²⁵ 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.”

²⁶ 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, ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 46

P ¹ God is our refuge and strength,

C **an ever-present help in trouble.**

P ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way

C **and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

P ³ though its waters roar and foam

C **and the mountains quake with their surging.**

P ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C **the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

P ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;

C **God will help her at break of day.**

P ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

C **he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

P ⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us;

C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P ⁸ Come and see what the Lord has done,

C **the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

P ⁹ He makes wars cease

to the ends of the earth.

C **He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;**

he burns the shields with fire.

P ¹⁰ He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

C **I will be exalted in the earth.”**

P ¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us;

C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Epistle:

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full

armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

P Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."

⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

¹⁰ The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”

¹¹ Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

(8:00) Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #656 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God's Word is Taught and Applied: The Sermon *Faith in the Fire*

Daniel 3; Psalm 46; Ephesians 6; Matthew 17

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver

us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ _____ ... Daniel
3:16-17

Faith does not say, "I will _____ God if He gives me the _____ I want
Faith says, "God is _____ even when I cannot _____ what He is doing."
God could have extinguished the _____; instead, He met them in the
_____.

To be still is to trust _____' _____ presence

To be still is to _____ control

To be still is to _____ to God's Word

To be still is to _____ patiently

To be still is to _____ in Christ's finished work

To be still is to _____ firm in faith

The Armor of God

Belt of truth

Breastplate of righteousness

Feet planted in the Gospel

The shield of faith

Take the helmet of salvation

The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Four Scenes – One Christ

The Furnace

The Shattering Earth

The Battlefield

The Mountain

Taking it Home this Week

- 1) Faith does not depend upon getting the outcome we want.
- 2) God does not always keep us from the furnace; He promises to be with us in it.
- 3) "Be still" means surrendering our illusion of control.
- 4) Our real battle is spiritual.
- 5) We stand in God's strength, not ours.
- 6) The glory of the Transfiguration points toward the Cross and Resurrection.

Questions to Consider this Week:

- 1) What things are you most tempted to control rather than entrust to God?
- 2) What dart is Satan throwing at you right now?
- 3) Which image best describes your life now: the furnace, the quaking ground beneath your feet, or the spiritual battle, or the mountain?

Offering (please sign the Friendship Register)

Offertory



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer;

P As You live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Collect for Blessing on the Word

P Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You sent it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirt, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless Thee and keep Thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon Thee and be gracious unto Thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon Thee ☩ and give Thee peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: #745 – In God, My Faithful God

stzs. 1 & 2 – All

stz. 3 – Men only

stz. 4 – Women only

stz. 5 – All

Hope Lutheran Weekly News for 8/22 & 8/23

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For the Sick and Hospitalized – *Prayer requests are always welcome and encouraged. "The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective" (James 5:16). Names will remain on the list for one month. Please get in touch with Pastor or fill out a yellow prayer request if you would like your name or the name of a loved one added.*

Prayers for those who are sick and/or hospitalized: Rev. Vic Kuerschner, Vivian Gorden, Mary Dahl, Mark Fields, Tony, Dennis and Connie Tuescher, Gail Voigtschild, Debra Leigl, John Gleason, Lee Dikeman.

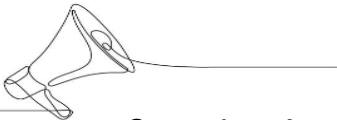


For Your Family and Friends Birthdays:

23-Brady Streblow	23-Vern Voigt	23-Mackenna Jansen	24-Kathi Flohr
24-Sarah Wuest	24-Sarah Wuest	25-Tori Owens	26-Michelle Jorgensen
26-Eliza Ottery	26-Elle Manthey	26-Jon Finley	27-Jaime Umentum
27-Bill Parr	27-Carmen Horton	27-Cheryl Miller	29-Jaxson Siedschlag
29-Millie Zorn			

Wedding Anniversaries:

23-Dean and Lisa Birschbach (40) 24-Matt and Kris Taivalmaa (24)
25-Tom and Denise Carlson (64) 29-David and Khristyna Rosenau (11)



Events & Information

Attendance – Saturday August 15, 5:30pm - 95; Sunday August 16, 8:00am - 118; 10:30 am - 101.

Altar Flowers – This week is sponsored by Tom & Denis Carlson in celebration of their anniversary.

God's Blessings to Arden Wallace Franke – son of William and Alyssa Franke who becomes a child of God in Holy Baptism on Sunday.

Café Corner – Café coffee time on Sunday will continue throughout the summer. There is a signup sheet on Café counter for volunteers to donate treats.

Health & Safety Awareness - Between church services on Sunday, August 30, blood pressure checks will be offered. The LifeVac anti-choking device will be available for demonstration, and those interested can learn how to use it in a choking emergency. Information about Narcan will also be available for anyone interested in learning more about overdose prevention and response.

SCRIP – will be available weekly for 15 min after the 5:30 PM and 8 AM Service. Also, for 15 min before the 10:30 AM service at the Welcome Center. Help support our Music Ministry!

Save the Date: Ladies, mark your calendars for the fall retreat at Hope on Saturday, September 19, 9am-1pm. We'll continue our Journey Together, finding strength and comfort both in God's Word for us and in each other. Watch for details and registration to come!

New Bible Study Series has begun Sundays at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall as Pastor Andrew begins a walk through the book of Exodus.

Men's Ministry – Men of Hope are invited to fellowship every 4th Saturday of the month following Saturday evening worship service. Come for a meal & fellowship followed by a Bible Study. Join us August 22nd at 6:30 pm under the shelter. **Men's Retreat** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 19th**. Registration forms are available in the nave as you enter.

A self-guided Bible study on healing hurt and wounds in relationships, as well as navigating forgiveness, boundaries, and when restoration may not be wise, is now available. Counseling many individuals in this trying area prompted me to put this Bible study together. Copies are available at the Welcome Center. *Pastor Enderle.*

Church Picnic looking for volunteers – Signup sheets are in the narthex, also looking for people to bring lawn games such as bocce ball, cornhole, and ladder ball etc.

Funding for Church Positions – Hope has two wonderful and talented people on staff who are not funded through the annual church budget but through special gifts. Joan Farrell, our Parish Nurse, and Samantha Imrie, our Director of Children's Ministry. If you would like to contribute for these positions, simply designate "Parish Nurse" or "Director of Children's Ministry" on any offering envelope, or, if you prefer, go to Hope's webpage and make a gift online! What an exciting time at Hope as cogs in the gears of ministry happen.

Save the Date: Set aside Sunday, September 13th, for our annual church picnic and fall schedule kickoff! One service that weekend at 10 am on Sunday, with the meal beginning at 11:30. Yes, the weather will be wonderful!

Special Church Picnic Choir – Calling everyone who loves to sing! Join us for a special, one-time choir as we sing the hymn "How Great Thou Art" at the church picnic. You have the option to sing melody or parts, depending on your preference. All ages and abilities are welcome! We'll have one rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Music Ministry Important Dates – for new and returning Music Ministry participants. New members are always welcome! Talk to Jessica Finley to learn how to get involved in any of our musical groups: jfinley@lifeathope.org.

Wed, Sept 2, 6:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall – Fall Kick-Off Party

(for members of ALL music groups)

Mon, Sept 14, 6:00-7:00pm – Handbell Rehearsals Resume

Wed, Sept 16, 6:30-8:00pm – Choir Rehearsals Resume

Organ Recital - The following area organists will be presenting recitals this summer. Free-will offerings will be taken. Proceeds will go to a scholarship fund to support the training of young organists and the promotion of future series of summer organ recitals.

Ken Hill & Dan Seidl
Hope Lutheran

Thursday, Aug. 27, 12:15pm



**August 29, 30 Behold the New Temple:
Christ with Us**

Pastor Munding

Old Testament: I Kings 6:1,11-13,19-36

Psalm: Psalm 84

Epistle: Philippians 2:1–11

Gospel: John 12:12-19

**September 5, 6 It All Comes Down to
Getting Home**

Pastor Enderle

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17–25

Psalm: Psalm 98

Epistle: Revelation 21:1–7

Gospel: John 14:1–11

This Week at Hope

Monday, August 24

11:00 AM Sweet Hour of Prayer
5:00 PM Adult Small Group Study
7:00 PM Worship Team

Wednesday, August 26

2:00 PM LakeHouse Worship

Friday, August 28

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM Praise 1030 Service

Tuesday, August 25

Thursday, August 27

10:00 AM Community Chime Choir
12:15 PM Organ Recital
6:00 PM Journey to Recovery

Saturday, August 29

5:30 PM Traditional Service

Serving today:

Preacher: Pastor Phillip Enderle

Liturgist: Pastor Andrew Munding

Organist: Jessica Finley

5:30 PM

Captain: Tom Wepner

Elder: Jon Moen

Ushers: Jon Moen, Stacey Moen, Jane Wepner

8:00 AM

Captain: Steve Kohlman

Elder: Dave Knuth

Ushers: Alex Kohlman, Anna Lohmann, Rollie Schumacher

Altar Assistants: Melanie Woodward, Holly Provot, Sharon & Anna Lohmann, Jayne Kaufman
