

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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*surrounds those
who trust in the*

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Organist Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 416 *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

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Old Testament Lesson Daniel 3:19-30 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, Your Majesty." 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.

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:17–22 Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ” And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Hymn 377:1-6 *Salvation Unto Us has Come*

Sermon Daniel 3:19-30

A Fireproof Faith

The Offering

Hymn 399:1-5 *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer + The Benediction

Hymn 784 *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

BIRTH Bremer John Boernsen was born to Kendall and Mara (nee Wiechman) on Sunday, October 6. He will be born again through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 27. Congratulations to the new parents!

TEACHERS CONFERENCE A schedule for this week’s meetings is posted at the top of the stairs going into church. All are invited to sit in on the presentations and discussions.

A Communion service will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00. All of you are invited. A finger-food luncheon will follow. Please bring extra food to accommodate the large number of guests.

REFORMATION Our CDS will present their service on Sunday, November 3.

POTLUCKS Potluck dinners will be held: before next Sunday's Voter's Meeting, on Sunday, November 3 for the CDS Reformation Service, and on November 10 for Pastor Rodebaugh's Installation Service at 4:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 27 All are invited to a chili/soup meal that will be served after the service. This is NOT a potluck, but is an expression of thanks from the Albrechts for the kindnesses you have showed them over the last 26 years.

For planning purposes, it would be helpful to know how many are likely to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the entryway table. No name is needed, just the projected number of attendees from your family.

VOTERS MEETING Our Quarterly meeting will be held next Sunday. Membership matters: The release of Mike DeWall and the Kent Rozell family at their request. The release of Christine Bass. Also: update after hosting the CLC Teachers' Conference, adjourning our Call Meeting, pastoral transition and installation, Fall Worship Schedule, Election Meeting Date plus installation of officers, Annual Meeting Date. Other Agenda items should be given to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

CLC NEWS Pastor Matthew Hanel, Dallas, TX has the call to Hayward, CA. Pastor Frank Gantt, Atlanta, GA has the call to Manchester, MO.

A joint-Reformation Service will be held at Immanuel, Mankato on October 27 at 4 p.m. All are invited.

Pastor Rob Sauers reported that the church and school in Winter Haven were in the direct path of hurricane Milton, but sustained minimal damage. We thank our gracious God for His protection.

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USHERS 10/13 Kendall B., Larry B.
10/20 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
10/27 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

CLEANING (Wk. 4) S. Aden, L. Baumann, L. Ferguson, R. Dronen
The Boernsens