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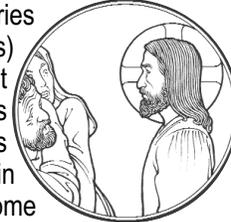
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8 & 10:30 a.m.

"... so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

It is easy to become weary and/or fainthearted. People criticize us. Worries assail us. Our sins (and others' sins) burden our hearts. What DOES it

mean to live and walk "by faith." The writer of the letter to the Hebrews has shown us so many people who lived "in faith" and "by faith." Their faith was not in themselves but in God. Since the Old Testament people had faith in God, they also had faith in God's promise of Christ to be the world's Savior. Christ as Savior is offensive to some (see today's Gospel reading) but knowing Christ as our Savior keeps our soul refreshed. Be blessed this morning as Pastor preaches on **HEBR. 12:1-3** on the theme: **"LOOKING TO JESUS."** †



✚ **Pre-Service Music**

✚ **The Ringing of the Bells & Lighting of the Candles**

✚ **Pastoral Welcome & Announcements**

✚ **The Call to Worship**

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are delighted to have you join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

P Every day we read in the paper about people who were involved in auto accidents, sometimes with tragic results.

C Some of those accidents happen because people are looking at the wrong things.

P We look around and gawk and get distracted. We look at radios, billboards, cell phones, and other drivers.

C But when drive we are supposed to be watching the road.

P God wants us to always keep our eyes upon Jesus the Redeemer! But we look at other things, at our circumstances, and at other people.

C And we sin, and are restored only by Christ, for we can only truly live in Christ.

We are:

"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday School & Bible Classes: **Sundays, 9:10 a.m.**

DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Worship Services BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3

THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 8:00 a.m. on Radio KSIM AM 1400

† **The Hymn** — “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” — LSB 497

† **The Divine Service, Setting Three** — LSB 184 †

† **The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution** — LSB 184

† **The Introit** — (Ps. 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: Ps. 55:22)

P Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you;

C He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

P Give ear to my prayer, O God, **C** and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!

P For it is not an enemy who taunts me — then I could bear it;

C it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me — then I could hide from him.

P But it is you, a man, my equal, **C** my companion, my familiar friend.

P We used to take sweet counsel together;

C within God’s house we walked in the throng.

P But I call to God, **C** and the Lord will save me.

ALLL GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE † SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

P Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you;

C He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

† **The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, and Gloria in Excelsis** — LSB 186-189

† **The Salutation and Collect of the Day** — LSB 189

ALLL (spoken) Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (sing) Amen. (Here all may be seated.)

† **The Old Testament Reading** — **Jeremiah 23:16–29** — *God rails against the false prophets who do not preach His Word faithfully, instead filling peoples’ heads with false comforts.*

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear His word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹ “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in My council, then they would have proclaimed My words to My people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My

name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make My people forget My name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has My word speak My word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹ Is not My word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

P This is the Word of the Lord. 

C Thanks be to God!

† The Gradual

P Fear the Lord, you His saints,

C for those who fear Him lack nothing!

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the Lord delivers him out of them all. (Ps. 34:9, 19, alt)

† The Epistle Reading — Hebrews 11:17-12:3 — “By faith” our faithful forebears lived and walked, and we are surrounded by their witness, and the culmination of it all is Christ our Redeemer.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that

the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² look-

ing to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider Him Who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*  **C** **Thanks be to God!**

✠ **The Alleluia and Verse** (At Pastor's invitation, please stand.)

P *Alleluia. Is not My word like fire, declares the Lord? What has straw in common with wheat?*

Alleluia. (Jer. 23:29a, 28b)

A L L (sing) **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

✠ **The Holy Gospel — Luke 12:49–56** — *Our Lord speaks of how His death for our sins and His resurrection will tend to be a dividing message, as a testimony against the world's unbelief.*

P *The holy Gospel written in the Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter:*

C (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴⁹ [Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is My distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against

her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  **C** (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

✠ **The Creed — The Nicene Creed — LSB 191**

✠ **The Hymn of the Day** — "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" — LSB 702

✠ **The Sermon** — Text: HEBREWS 12:1-3

Theme: "LOOKING TO JESUS."

✠ **The Offertory** — LSB 192-193

✠ **The Offering** — DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshiping with you and greet them in the Lord! *Those who will attend the Lord's Supper at this worship service are invited to please mark the appropriate column/space for that.* Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Kindly check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to

update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

- ✠ **The Offering Hymn** (*stand to sing*) — “*All Glory Be to God Alone*” — LSB 948:3, 4
3.  LORD GOD, OUR KING ON HEAVEN'S THRONE,
OUR FATHER, THE ALMIGHTY ONE.
O LORD, THE SOLE-BEGOTTEN ONE,
LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER'S SON,
TRUE GOD FROM ALL ETERNITY,
O LAMB OF GOD, TO YOU WE FLEE.
4.  YOU TAKE THE WHOLE WORLD'S SIN AWAY;
HAVE MERCY ON US, LORD, WE PRAY.
YOU TAKE THE WHOLE WORLD'S SIN AWAY;
O LORD, RECEIVE OUR PRAYER THIS DAY.
FROM GOD'S RIGHT HAND YOUR MERCY SEND,
TO ALL THE WORLD YOUR GRACE EXTEND.
- ✠ **The Prayers** — after each petition: **P** *Let us pray to the Lord . . .* (Please remain standing.)
G *Lord, have mercy.* (Please remain standing.)
- ✠ **The Service of the Sacrament** — LSB 194ff.
- ✠ **The Communion Distribution** — *Both the individual cups and the common cup are offered to our communicants. One of our elders will distribute the bread; he will be followed by another elder with the individual cups; those who desire the common cup may simply let the elder with the individual cups pass by, and Pastor will follow with the chalice.*

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE is that we ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar & pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is to be a confession of a common faith (1 Cor. 10:17; Acts 2:42) and that those who are unprepared may do themselves spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not thereby presume to question another's faith in Christ, but hold this historic position out of love for God's Word and in care for souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray. Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations, so we ask others to please respect our practice. If there are some whom we do not commune who would like to come forward, they may do, crossing their arms over their chests — then the elders who distribute Communion will pass them by, but our Pastor will speak a blessing over those persons. Any who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with our pastor to do so. ✠

- ✠ **The Distribution Hymns** — Some or all of the hymns will be sung as time and the number of communicants present permit.
- ✠  **HYMN:** “*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*” — LSB 636
- ✠  **HYMN:** “*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*” — LSB 637
- ✠ **The Post-Communion Service** — p. 199ff.
- ✠ **The Sending Hymn** — “*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*” — LSB 924
- ✠ **THE SILENT PRAYER** — Here worshipers are encouraged to take a private moment for personal reflection and a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His Word of salvation which we have here received. Then, when Pastor leaves, worshipers may remain to visit with those near them or exit on their own.
- ✠ **The Postlude/Recessional**



Soli Deo Gloria!



(To God Alone the Glory!)