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

**WHAT TIME IS IT?  
TIME TO REFORM**  
November 3, 4, and 7, 2018

*500 years ago, Martin Luther was wrestling with how we understand who God is. Most people build their picture of God on what they expect him to be like. The result is that we make a God in our image. Luther believed it was time to get a true picture of God and the only way to do that was to look at God's own revelation of himself in Christ hanging on the cross. Is it time for the church, time for us, to reform the way we approach our understanding of God?*

**PRESERVICE HYMN SING**

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

*(Please stand at the direction of the pastor.)*

- C**  **Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross,  
Lift high his royal banner; it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army shall he lead,  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.**
- M** Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto him who sits on the throne,  
**C** **and to the Lamb, forever and ever.**
- C**  **Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict on this his glorious day.  
Let all his faithful serve him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**
- M** Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- All** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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.**

M I now ask you before God: Is this your sincere confession that you heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly intend, by the power of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life?

C **Yes.**

M Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.**

♪ **Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

M Fight the good fight of faith!

C **For the Lord, the righteous Judge, has laid up for us a crown of life,**

M for us, and for all who await his appearing.

C **Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;**

♪ **This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see.  
And with the King of glory shall reign eternally.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you have made a new covenant with your people, written not on tablets of stone, but upon the chambers of the human heart,

C **scrawled not in ink, but in blood—the blood of your Son.**

M Keep us steadfast in your covenant. Keep us steadfast in your Word. Only then will we be defended against every temptation.

C **Only then will your people be at peace;**

M through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C **and forever. Amen**

**PUBLIC RATIFICATION OF BAPTISM** (*Saturday*)

*Jack Lawrence Romans*

*Son of Brian and Jennifer (nee Acker) Romans, born July 2, 2018, and baptized July 17, 2018*

**FIRST LESSON**

**Revelation 14:6,7**, Bible page 1246

*John sees a vision of an angel proclaiming the eternal gospel to all nations.*

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 46**, Hymnal page 84

*The Lord is with us; he is our rock and fortress.*

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:5-11**, Bible page 1018

*Jesus gives signs of the end times.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**HYMN OF THE DAY 201**

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**SERMON**

**Daniel 3:16-28**, Bible page 884

*Pastor David Kuehl*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**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.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** (*Saturday*)

(*Sunday*)

**We Would See Jesus**, *Saved by One*  
by Jon Eiche

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**, *Brass Ensemble*  
arr. by Vaclav Nelhybel

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

C **The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant, Martin Luther, to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

M May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C **Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

M Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

M Lord Jesus, we thank you for the victory that you have won for us.

C **Empower us to go forth into the world with your great victory embedded in our hearts and flowing from our lips. Amen.**

## 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.**

*(Please remain standing for the closing hymn, prayer, and blessing.)*

## CLOSING HYMN 293

## God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

## CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

M 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.



POSTLUDE (Sunday) **Psalm XIX**, *Brass Ensemble*  
*by Benedetto Marcello*

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 5, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>		Election Day – Voting on Campus
	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
<b>WED</b>	9:00 am	Mommy & Me (Faith Room)
	12:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel (Main Church)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
<b>FRI</b>	7:00 pm	Pickleball Open Gym (Trinity Gym)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Mommy & Me (Faith Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom #8)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Generation Change – Financial Peace – Teens/Parents (Faith Room)
	6:30 pm	TUG – Teens Under God (Trinity Café and Gym)

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## WATCH ONLINE



- **Watch Live:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org), Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*, and You Tube at *The Bridge Church Muskego*. All past live replays are also available on each platform.
  - **Sermon Videos and MP3s:** Sunday sermons are available at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org). They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **BAPTISM**

Cooper David Bendler, son of Ryan and Becca (nee Schacht) Bendler, was born July 16, 2018 and will be baptized after the worship service on Saturday, November 3. We praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Cooper.

## **FUNERAL**

Emma Benke, born April 10, 1920, entered eternal life with her Savior on October 27, 2018. Visitation will be Saturday, November 10, 10:00 am – noon, with the funeral service immediately following at Hartson Funeral Home in Hales Corners. May the God of all peace and comfort be with Emma's loved ones today and always.

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Karen Grenie is at St. Luke's, Louise Austad at Wisconsin Orthopedic, and Les Constantineau at Waukesha Memorial. Arleen Lutsch has been discharged from the hospital.

## **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: David Burkowitz, Mary Schauwitzer, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## **ATTENDANCE**

1003 attended worship services last week.

## **WHAT TIME IS IT? SERMON SERIES**

During these last services of the Christian church year, we want to pause and check the time. What time is it? Join us next week as we look at "A Time for Action." It's time we're reminded who we're really accountable to and where true righteousness is found.

## **LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO START IN BIBLE STUDY?**

Following the Promise is a great study to have your questions answered and also serves as preparation for membership at St. Paul's. Currently offered Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am. Contact Pastor Nate at [nstrobelt@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobelt@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the back of your Connection Card to register.

## **NOVEMBER GRACE ROOM SERIES**

When was the last time you read Deuteronomy? And why would you? Doesn't Deuteronomy contain a lot of outdated rules? Isn't Deuteronomy mostly law and little gospel? You'll be surprised. Join others in learning from Professor Mark Braun (Wisconsin Lutheran College) who wrote the People's Bible volume on Deuteronomy. We will discuss which Old Testament laws still apply to New Testament Christians. We will see that there is a lot of grace in Deuteronomy. Most of all, Deuteronomy pointed people ahead to Christ. *Deuteronomy: Encouragements and Lessons for New Testament Christians*, Grace Room, November 4, 11, 18, and 25, 9:15-10:15 am.

## **BACKPACKS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS – TWO WAYS TO HELP**

Provide homeless veterans who fought for our freedom a small gift of gratitude. We hope to assemble 72 backpacks filled with life essentials to gift to homeless veterans. Donate new or gently used backpacks. Drop them off in the church library or the school/church office by November 7. Volunteers are also needed for a couple hours to pack the backpacks. Contact Amanda Frelka-Bruch at [Fbruchaj@gmail.com](mailto:Fbruchaj@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

# PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

Pre-K and Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program: Wednesday, November 21, at 9:30 am, Centennial Gym  
Thanksgiving Worship: Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 pm, and Thursday November 22, at 9:15 am

## ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday Advent services: December 5, 12, and 19, at 3:30 and 7:00 pm  
A soup supper will be served between services.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

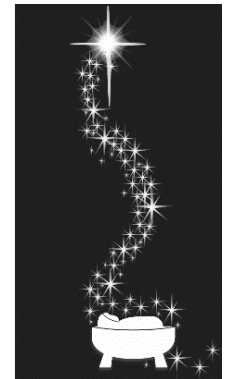
The Bridge Christmas Eve Worship Service: Noon  
Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Services: 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 10:00 pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES WITH HOLY COMMUNION - 8:00 am and 10:00 am

## ST. PAUL'S LIVING NATIVITY IS COMING SOON!

Come and experience the wonder of Christmas November 30 - December 2. A continuous 15-minute outdoor presentation of the birth of Christ will take place from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday.

It's first come - first choice for the large variety of positions and food donations needed to make this event a success. Stop by the church lobby after the worship service today to sign up.



## ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

St. Paul's 2018 *Christmas for Kids* is Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 to 11:45 am in the Trinity Café and Gym, and school for ages 3-12. Register online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org), complete the back of the Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org). Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the morning. Children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as their "ticket" for the morning.



## GRIEF SHARE – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. St. Paul's will be hosting a Surviving the Holidays seminar in the Grace Room on November 13, 5:45-8:00 pm, to help prepare for the holidays. Please contact Sharon Klopf at (262) 706-3595 or [sklopf@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sklopf@stpaulmuskego.org) to register. For more information you may go to [www.griefshare/holidays](http://www.griefshare/holidays).

## MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS SONG SERVICE

St. Paul's will be having a special Christmas song service on Sunday, December 16, and more singers and orchestral members are desired. Choir rehearsals will be on Sundays, beginning November 11, at 8:00 am and Tuesdays, beginning November 13, at 7:30 pm. Orchestra rehearsals will be December 5 at 8:00 pm, and December 15, at 9:00 am. Contact Michele Eiche at [meiche4@wi.rr.com](mailto:meiche4@wi.rr.com) for more information or to indicate your interest.

## HOSTS NEEDED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Are you interested in opening your home to an international student from Wisconsin Lutheran High School over the Thanksgiving holiday or winter break? Families receive a stipend to support their efforts with the student. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the International Student Program Director Mr. Eric Duwe at [eric.duwe@wlhs.org](mailto:eric.duwe@wlhs.org).



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## THE BRIDGE 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### The Bridge History

Five years ago we tried something different... a new ministry on our campus designed especially to be welcoming to our guests who are not looking for a traditional worship setting. We moved communion to a short service at 9:45 am, thirty minutes before The Bridge started. This has helped many of our guests feel comfortable learning and growing at their own pace. We purchased over \$50,000 of equipment and a small army of volunteers set it all up every Sunday morning to transform the Trinity Gym into a modern worship environment. God has blessed this effort over the years resulting in many new people coming to our campus and The Bridge often being the largest attended service for the weekend.



If you would like to give volunteering with The Bridge a try, there are many opportunities available. See the back of your Connection Card, mark the positions that are of interest to you, and someone will be in contact with you to get started.

### The Bridge Celebration

We are planning an anniversary service in December to celebrate God's blessings on The Bridge and to honor our many volunteers. More information will be coming soon.

### The Bridge Future

We invite you to give thank-offerings to A Cool Million and designate them "The Bridge." Our desire is to install some permanent lighting and sound equipment to lessen the weekly set-up-and-take-down tasks and wear-and-tear on equipment. We are also exploring opportunities God may give us to develop a second site for The Bridge at another location in our area to reach more people for Christ.

## THE FAMILY CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who helped produce the Family Church message series!

**Devotion authors:** Michele Eiche, Deaune Gray, Emily Krill, Mike Krill, Marc and Kate Schambeau, Sarah Schoeneck, and Christine Trettin

**Testimonies:** Dee Hahm, Beth Hildenbrand, Aaron Miller, Mike and Melissa Westendorf and their family, and the St. Paul's parents from registration day

**Video production:** Joel Trettin and Emma Bonack

**Family Crests:** Kristin Gjerdset (logo design), Carol Kolosovsky, and all the families who shared their Family Crests with us

**Logo Development:** Tammy Miller

**Website Development:** Bill Renschak, who has made all the testimonials, messages, devotions and worship-helps available at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/family-church](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/family-church)

**Theme Song:** Mike Westendorf and Alex Bennet, who wrote "You Made a Place for Me" - also available at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/family-church](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/family-church)

**Overall Coordination:** Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

If you have a story of how The Family Church message impacted your family, please share it with Pastor Panitzke at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org).



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## MOMMY & ME SATURDAY SESSION

Moms and children (birth to age five) are invited to attend a special session of *Mommy & Me* on Saturday, November 10, 9:30-11:00 am, in the Faith Room. Contact Samantha Lindner, *Mommy & Me* facilitator, at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854 with questions or to let her know you are coming (although walk-ins are fine, too).

## BAKED GOODS DESIRED FOR DORCAS SOCIETY BAKE SALE

St. Paul's Dorcas Society will be hosting a bake sale on Sunday, November 19, after all worship services. All proceeds will go to St. Paul's Tuition Fund, Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, and the Malawi, Africa mission. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off your donations in the church kitchen on Saturday, November 17, 8:00-noon, or prior to the 5:00 pm worship service. Contact Carolyn Bourdo for more information at (262) 679-1136.

## EXCELLENT SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SEASON

For the second year in a row, our grade school volleyball team earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the Lutheran School Association State Tournament. The championship match was a close battle against First Immanuel, Cedarburg. Scores were 25-20, 20-25, and 8-15. First Immanuel's AD emailed the following: "I want to congratulate your coach and team on a terrific state tournament and championship match. That was definitely one of those situations where both teams deserved to win and you hate to see someone have to take 2nd place. The length of the rallies, the close score...it was probably the most tightly contested middle school volleyball match I've ever seen. I'm sure you are already, but you should all be very proud of the way your team represented your school yesterday!" Congratulations, Lady Eagles!



## FOUR READING BUDDIES NEEDED

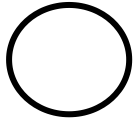
One Reading Buddy recently said, "Reading Buddies is my favorite volunteering activity I do!" We are recruiting four more Reading Buddies. Could you serve in this way? Reading Buddies meets most Wednesdays from 9:45am-10:45am in the Trinity Cafe. Our perfect number is 24 Reading Buddies each week, and the past three weeks have been around 20. If you cannot make it every week, no problem! Contact Principal Fitzsimmons at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) if you're able to serve the Lord and our K-3rd graders in this way.

## WLHS VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its annual Veterans Day observance on Monday, November 12. Service men and women are invited to a complimentary plated breakfast that will be served in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:00 am. RSVP for the breakfast by November 5 at [www.wlhs.org/veterans](http://www.wlhs.org/veterans). Everyone is invited to the special Veterans Day presentation in the main gymnasium at 8:30 am.

## VETERAN'S DAY SPEAKER AT STONEY CREEK

Please join Stoney Creek on Friday, November 9, at 2:15 pm to hear Meg Jones. She is a journalist presenter on World War II war correspondents from Milwaukee who had a front row seat to the war. Contact Stoney Creek at (414) 422-4686 to indicate your interest in attending.



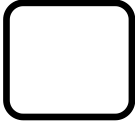
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

*Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.*

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1. Share highs and lows and begin your time together in prayer.
  
2. Today's message is about a personal faith reformation. Other than New Year's Resolutions, what prompts most people to seriously consider a major life reform - faith or otherwise?
  
3. Open up your Bible or YouVersion app to the account of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3.
  - What verses in Daniel 3 give words to the type of reform God was shaping in this account?
  
  - What verses share how the three men possessed the courage to stand up for their faith?
  
4. Can you think of any present-day examples of people standing up for the Gospel as these three men do?
  
  
5. Read Matthew 19:16-24.
  - What kind of reform was Jesus calling for in this account?
  
  - Although this type of reform wasn't life-threatening, it still posed a threat. What was the threat?
  
  
6. Consider what kind of reformation God might be calling you to boldly face in your faith walk. Break into small groups of 2-3 to share these challenges and pray for each other.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

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## What Time Is It? Time to Reform

Daniel 3:16-28 – Pew Bible page 884

Introduction: “This must be a big one.” (John Gurda on May 31, 2018)

- King Nebuchadnezzar instructed every civil servant, including Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, to b\_\_\_\_\_ down and w\_\_\_\_\_ a 90-foot statue of gold.
- Anyone who d\_\_\_\_\_ faced being thrown into a fiery furnace.
- With hearts pounding, no doubt, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego d\_\_\_\_\_.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had no p\_\_\_\_\_ from God to survive the fire.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego let go of their e\_\_\_\_\_ and lay hold of G\_\_\_\_\_.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were ready to forfeit their l\_\_\_\_\_ to hold on to their s\_\_\_\_\_ for eternity.
- It was perhaps the A\_\_\_\_\_ of the L\_\_\_\_\_, the Son of God himself, guarding and protecting his beloved children from all evil and defending them from all danger.
  - Their clothes weren't burned.
  - Their hairs hadn't been singed.
  - They didn't even smell like smoke!
- Doing things God's way isn't always the e\_\_\_\_\_ way, but it's the b\_\_\_\_\_ way.
- Even in death, especially in death, God is c\_\_\_\_\_ to those who take their stand on his Word (Polycarp, John Hus, Martin Luther).

Conclusion: In Jesus God has fireproofed us from his wrath. Now fireproof your faith.

### Next Steps

**Read** the book of Malachi to prepare for next week's message on *What Time Is It? Time for Action*.

**Memorize** Acts 14:22 – “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.”

**Make the commitment** to fireproof your faith by spending more time with God in his Word to reform your way of thinking to understanding God's good and gracious will for your life (*Ephesians 3:10, 17*).