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## Reformation Sunday

November 1, 2020

### “Life in the Lions’ Den”

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

**To conduct this liturgy in the home, the head of the household is to serve as the Minister. The remaining people who have gathered will be the Congregation.**

## Worship Service

### Invocation

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Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

### Confession & Absolution

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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.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, on behalf of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### Prayer of the Day

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M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**THE WORD OF GOD**  
**EHV TRANSLATION**

*The Word of God, hymns, and sermon are on the zionleeds Youtube channel,  
available at zionleeds.org*

**First Lesson**

**Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23**

Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God. They then went and asked the king about the decree. "Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?" Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep. At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?" Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also, before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime." Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So, Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

**Second Lesson**

**Galatians 5:1-6**

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you allow yourselves to be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. I testify again to every man who allows himself to be circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law. You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace. Indeed, through the Spirit, we by faith are eagerly waiting for the sure hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters

**Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 10:16-23**

"Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. You will be brought into the presence of governors

and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you. “Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

**Hymn #201 1 & 2**

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

*The text and tune can be found in the service video.*

*The sheet music can be found at the end of the service folder.*

**Sermon**

**“Life in The Lions’ Den”**

*Sermon Text: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23*

**Apostles’ Creed**

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**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.**

**Thank Offering to the LORD**

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*“Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

*2 Corinthians 9:7–8*

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**Lord’s Prayer**

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**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.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **Benediction**

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M: 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: Amen.**

**Hymn #201 3 & 4**

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y

shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry  
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant  
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no  
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the

need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The  
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You  
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This  
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And

old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 do what they will — Hate, steal, hurt, or kill —

Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in  
 The al - mighty Lord. And there's no oth - er  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is

fight; On earth is not his e - qual.  
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!