

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

March 22, 2020

The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG:** "Lion and the Lamb" Big Daddy Weave

**Verse 1**

He's coming on the clouds Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop The Lord almighty

**Chorus**

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

**Verse 2**

So open up the gates Make way before the King of Kings  
Our God who comes to save Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

**Chorus**

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**Bridge**

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

**Chorus**

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**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Father and the Holy Spirit is Lord over all, who rules in power over temporal and eternal powers. Yet He came to earth as one of us, lived under earthly authorities, died to pay for all our sins, and rose victorious. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **INTROIT:** Psalm 80

Pastor: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

**People: You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Pastor: Awaken your might; come and save us.

**People: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

Pastor: How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

**People You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.**

Pastor: You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.

**People: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

Pastor: You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

**People: You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.**

Pastor: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

**People: Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.**

Pastor: Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

**People: Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.**

Pastor: Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!

**People: Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.**

Pastor: Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.

**People: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.**

Pastor: Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

**People: Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Awaken your might; come and save us.

**People: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

### **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: O Son of God, You once walked with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and protected them from fiery death in order to give glory to Your Father through all the earth. So today also walk with us, protect us from all threats and temptations of body and soul, that we would be saved from the eternal fiery death and that Your Father would be glorified forever; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **READING OF THE DAY: Daniel 3:13-28**

Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, 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? 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?"

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 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. 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."

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!"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** LSB 802 “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life Thou givest—to both great and small—  
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish—but naught changes Thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

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**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

**OFFERING**

**HYMN:** LSB 425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

**CLOSING SONG:** "Because He Lives" Matt Maher

#### **Verse 1**

I believe in the Son I believe in the risen One  
I believe I overcome By the power of His blood

#### **Chorus**

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive Because He lives Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

#### **Verse 2**

I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away

#### **Chorus**

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive Because He lives Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

#### **Bridge**

I can face tomorrow Because He lives  
Every fear is gone I know He holds my life my future in His hands

#### **End Chorus**

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive Because He lives Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive Because He lives Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives Because He lives

### **SEND OFF**

Pastor: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,  
**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**