

SERMON

2 Kings 11:1-3, 12-18

¹ When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. ² But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed. ³ He remained hidden with his nurse at the temple of the LORD for six years while Athaliah ruled the land.

¹² Jehoiada brought out the king's son and put the crown on him; he presented him with a copy of the covenant and proclaimed him king. They anointed him, and the people clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!"

¹³ When Athaliah heard the noise made by the guards and the people, she went to the people at the temple of the LORD. ¹⁴ She looked and there was the king, standing by the pillar, as the custom was. The officers and the trumpeters were beside the king, and all the people of the land were

rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her robes and called out, "Treason! Treason!"

¹⁵ Jehoiada the priest ordered the commanders of units of a hundred, who were in charge of the troops: "Bring her out between the ranks and put to the sword anyone who follows her." For the priest had said, "She must not be put to death in the temple of the LORD." ¹⁶ So they seized her as she reached the place where the horses enter the palace grounds, and there she was put to death.

¹⁷ Jehoiada then made a covenant between the LORD and the king and people that they would be the LORD's people. He also made a covenant between the king and the people. ¹⁸ All the people of the land went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars and idols to pieces and killed Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars.

Then Jehoiada the priest posted guards at the temple of the LORD. (NIV)

**FOLLOWING THE LORD
IS A RISKY ROAD TO TRAVEL**

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Jesus did not come to bring peace, but division. It's a striking statement about the one we call the Prince of Peace, but it's true. The truth of Jesus recorded in Scripture divides the world into two groups—those who believe in the forgiveness he won for all on the cross, and those who reject that message in unbelief. We face the challenges caused by these divisions with confidence, knowing that Christ's work has brought us eternal peace with God.

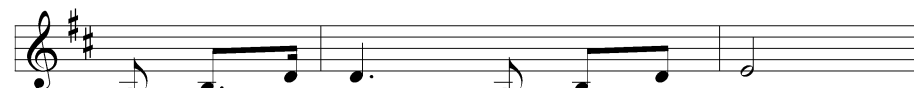


Welcome to all who have gathered to hear God's Word! May the Holy Spirit work through the Word that you hear to lead you to trust completely in Jesus, your Savior. A special welcome to our visitors. We are happy to have you with us and hope that you will come again soon. Contact one of the pastors or an usher if you have questions about the service or the congregation.

A nursery is available downstairs, should you find it necessary to take your child out of the service. During the second service, the nursery will be staffed. We are glad for the sound of young voices, but we also understand that parents may be a little more sensitive to the noise their children make. The service is available downstairs via closed-circuit television. There are also toys available.



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
For I am his and he is mine—
Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.
Here in the death of Christ I live.
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

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In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fier - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

WORSHIP NOTES

Order of Service: Service of the Word (*Christian Worship*, page 38)

Hymns: 229, 752, 203, 537

Organist: Mrs. Debbie Blumer

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 11:1-3, 12-18
 (page 432)

The unbelief of Queen Athaliah led to family divisions so great that they cost people their lives. Yet, many in Judah faithfully fought to follow the will of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 139a

(*Christian Worship*, page 116)

We will sing the psalm in unison.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

(page 1460)

The faithful in Christ are at war with all spiritual forces of evil. God equips believers for this battle with armor that cannot be overcome—the assurances of salvation offered in the Word of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:12 (RSV)

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 12:49-53

(page 1311)

Jesus came to bring division even within the closest of human relationships. His work brings fire on the earth, destroying those who reject him and purifying those who cling to him in faith.

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News and Notes

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning have been given to the glory of God by Phyllis Bertsch in memory of her mother, Leona Nelson.

Welcome

Justin Alff will be welcomed into communicant membership this morning at the 8:00am service by transfer from our sister congregation, Christ the Rock in Austin, Texas.

At the 10:30am service, we welcome Mark and Katie Cardinal, and their children (Jasmine, Taloa, Xavier, and Markie) by transfer from Abiding Faith in Fort Worth, Texas.

May the Lord bless them through their membership and make them a blessing to many!

School Orientation

Orientation for the 2010-2011 school year will be held tomorrow evening at 6:30pm, in the fellowship hall. Sub sandwiches, chips, and lemonade will be served beforehand, beginning at 6:00pm, to save parents some time. After a brief meeting in the fellowship hall, families will go to their child's classroom for additional information.

Students are encouraged to bring their school supplies. School begins on Wednesday. All are invited to the opening service at 8:45am.

Kindred Spirits Study

The Kindred Spirits group that has been meeting for Bible study each month will meet on Wednesday, at 10:00am, in the fellowship hall, to continue a study of the Ministry of the Keys. All are invited. Please use the front entrance of the church or the fellowship hall entrance between the buildings.

Ladies' Home Bible Study

The ladies will meet at the home of Eileen Zanto (3425 S. Pierce Street) on Monday, August 30, at 7:00pm, to begin their study of the Fifth Commandment. All women of the congregation are invited.

LWMS Fall Retreat

The Rocky Mountain Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is planning a retreat for September 24-26, at the Rodeway Inn in Estes Park. The deadline to register has been extended to August 31.

Please give mission box offerings, due by August 29, to Pauline King. The

offerings gathered will be reported at the fall retreat.

Congregational Directory

It's time to replace the congregational directory. Could you be so kind as to pass along any change in address, phone/cell number, or e-mail? You may include those changes in the Friendship Register, drop a note in the office manager's box, or call the office.

Preparing for Next Week

The Lord's ways are not our ways. His are infinitely higher and better, for he is

the almighty and merciful God. Prepare for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost by reading Judges 7:1-8 (sermon lesson); Romans 9:1-9; and St. Luke 13:22-30.

Church Cleaning

Thanks to those who will volunteer their time, energy, and skill to clean the church in the coming weeks: Lanny and Karen Prah and Michael and Karla Rogers (last weekend in August) and Gary and Alyce Schlomer and Ken and Anne Saggau (first weekend in September).

This Week at Zion

Today: Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30AM
25-Minute Bible Study at 9:31AM
Mission and Ministry Committee Meeting at 12:00PM

Monday: Grades K-8 Orientation at 6:30PM (with sub supper at 6:00PM)
Divine Service at 7:00PM
Bible Readers' Group at 7:50PM (Parts 129-134)

Wednesday: 2010-2011 School Year Opening Service at 8:45AM
Preschool Open House (4s) 8:30-10:30AM
Kindred Spirits Bible Study at 10:00AM

Thursday: Preschool Open House (3s) 8:30-10:30AM
Bible Information Class at 7:00PM

Next Sunday: Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Bible Study (Youth and Adult) & Sunday School at 9:20AM

The Lord willing!