

Psalm 46 (ESV)

46 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*
⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
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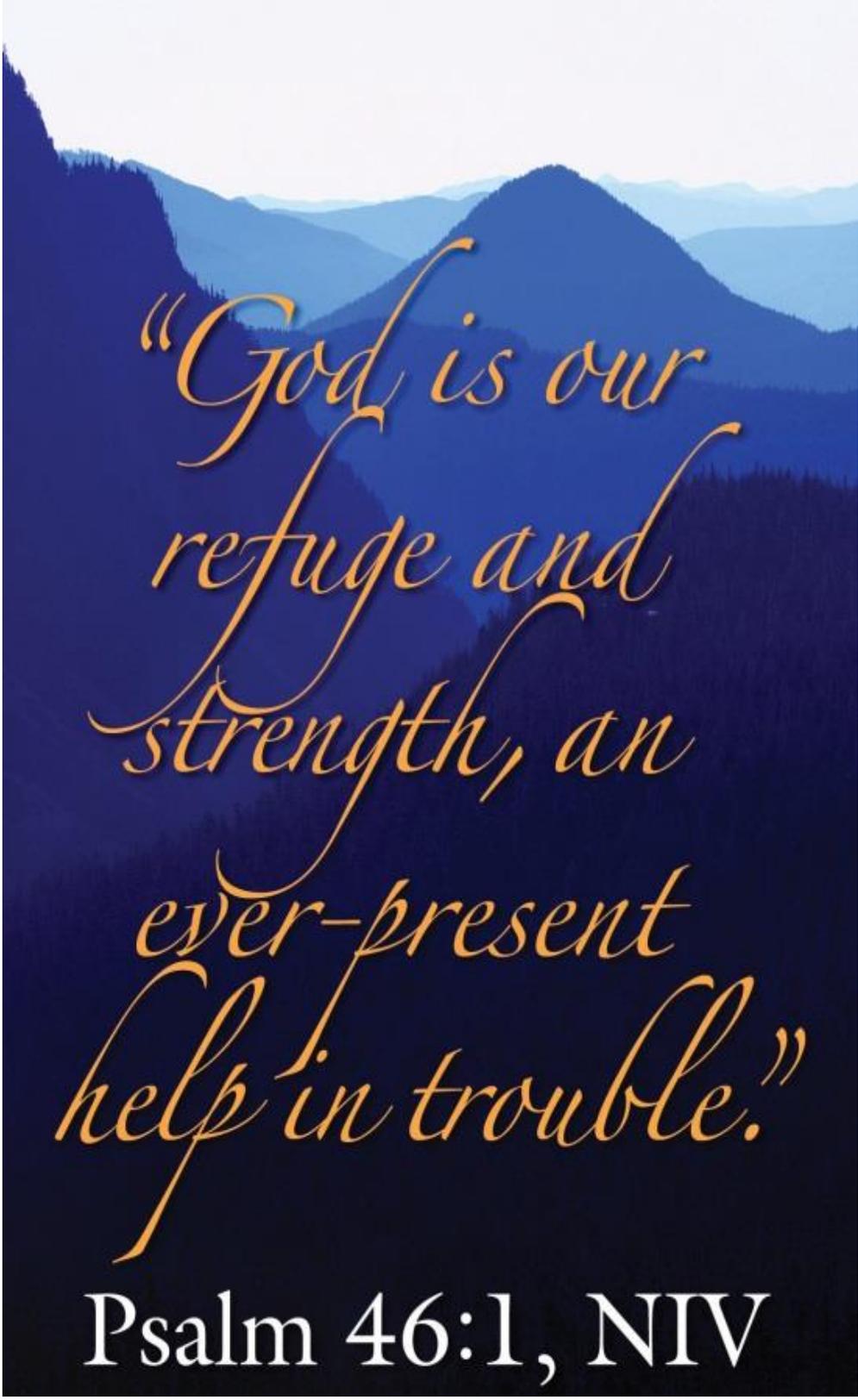
Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)

12 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 looking 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. ⁶ It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes,

the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

John 14:1-14, 26 (ESV)

14 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going."^[c] ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me^[c] anything in my name, I will do it. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.



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February 3, 2019
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Zion Lutheran Church, 17927 Dice Road, Hemlock, MI 48626
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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ National Lutheran Schools Week provides nearly 2,000 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. Whether you send your child to a Lutheran School or not, we are in this together to be a real and present witness to our children and to our world. Let us join Jesus in real unity for this holy purpose that the world would know Jesus is real and present for them too as our God and Savior!

Preservice Music

Ringing of the Bell

Pastoral Welcome

Opening Hymn *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* LSB 807 vv.1-2

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, since You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people,

People: We confess we have not perfectly loved You. We have fallen far short of allowing the Holy Spirit to enlighten us through Your Word, and in responding in faithful actions, especially in regards to teaching our children and many others Your Word, so that we would as Your family know Your truth and trust in You each day and forever. We repent, and ask for Your forgiveness in Jesus' name.

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are all forgiven in the real and present grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the peace and the power of the Holy Spirit, go show and tell God's love in the Lord!

Song of Rejoicing *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* LSB 803

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray: Praise and honor to You, heavenly Father, for offering the promises of Your love to all people in the world. Praise and honor to You, dear Jesus, for being the Light of the whole world. Praise and honor to You, Holy Spirit, for blessing the work of parents and grandparents in homes, pastors and teachers in Lutheran Schools, and missionaries like Rachel Meyer in Uganda teaching little children there of Jesus, and for bringing people everywhere into the Christian family through Christian education. Make us glad for the oneness we share with others in You. Enable us to shine to show God is real and present here in our hearts, as in His Word. Amen.

Bible Readings Psalm 46, Hebrews 12:1-3

Hymn *"Jesus Loves Me"* LSB 588

Holy Gospel John 14:1-14, 26

Nicene Creed

Memory Verse *"Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."* Jeremiah 33:3

Sermon Hymn *"Our God Is Real and Present Here"* (Sung to the tune of LSB 810)

Our God is real and present here. When troubles come we need not fear.
Though mountains tremble, waters foam, Our God will not leave us alone.
The LORD of Hosts with us always; the God of Jacob is our stay.
Our God is real and still remains; the great I AM forever reigns!

Our God is present, and when fear or trouble comes be of good cheer;
For God's own Son has washed away the sins that on our hearts now weigh.
LORD Jesus Christ with us today; He is the Truth, the Life, the Way.
He came to us, His life to give, that we might in His presence live.

The Holy Spirit has been sent, to bring us into covenant
With God the Father and the Son, and Comforter, to help us run
The race of faithfulness to God upon this earth where Jesus trod,
So that in faith we shall remain in Him who for the world was slain.

The LORD is God and says, "Be still! I am your fortress, and I will
Be lauded and exalted now! My Word is true and this I vow:
I AM your God and I will make all wars to cease, all bows to break;
The nations of the world I claim and all the earth will praise My name!"

(Rise) To God the Father we now raise our songs of thanks and endless praise;
To God the Son, our risen Lord, all honor, glory, we accord;
To God the Spirit we bring laud, who brought us to our faith in God;
So let us all, with hearts aflame, the real and present God proclaim!

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Sermon "Lutheran Schools Get Real!" Psalm 46

Offering

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution and Hymns	"Come, Let Us Eat"	LSB 626
	"Christ Be My Leader"	LSB 861
	"Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend"	LSB 866
	"All You Works of God, Bless the Lord"	LSB 930

Benediction

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn	"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"	LSB 922
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Silent Prayer

Postlude

Door Offering for Rachel's Resources/East Side Soup Kitchen

Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elder	Dale Rohde & Jerry Farrar
A/V	Mark Richardson
Ushers	Marc Pinet, Frank Yell, Kevin Ross
Greeters	Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt
Altar Guild	Chris Farrar & Arlene Rohn

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 68 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,504 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$1,718 = Loose Plate \$18, Envelopes \$1,588, Mission \$40, Maintenance \$72; Cap Prj. \$20; \$50 in memory of June Kreger.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday ~ Feb 8 - Sally Wietfeldt; Feb 10- Leon Zastrow; Feb 11- Harold McKellar (his 86th); Feb 14- Tami Mosher.

Thank you to all who donated to Right to Life last Sunday. A total of \$167 will be sent to this organization in help of their efforts to enrich and protect all defenseless human life. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Yarn Lovers Ministry - Do you crochet or knit? Then pull out your needles and hooks! If you know how to "spin the yarn" in either technique, bring your project and come join us. All skill levels are invited. If you have always wanted to learn to crochet or knit let us know and we will be happy to help you achieve that goal. Join us Monday, February 4th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for some time of fellowship and fun at St Mark Lutheran Church & Preschool, 2565 N Miller Rd, Saginaw. We will be meeting monthly on the first Monday. Questions: Tina: 996-0199 or Karin: 928-7548.

VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction! Our Theme is " Fabulous Fifties" Please save the date for Saturday, February 23, 2018, at Apple Mountain Conference Center. Your support has impacted Valley Lutheran with improvements in programs, equipment, transportation, physical school improvements, and most importantly STUDENT AID. Thank you for your past support of VLHS! We could use your help again - we are asking for items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, gift cards, etc.). There are also opportunities to participate by way of prayer, advertising, sponsorship, or attending the auction. Click on our auction link www.vlhsauction.com for more information. For further information or questions, you may call Valley Lutheran at 790-1676, Beth (Lambert) Kaul 989-754-5918 bkaul@vlhs.com or Karrie Gatza 989-415-6776 Karriekookies@aol.com.

Valley Lutheran High School is looking for a head JV baseball coach and head golf coach for the spring athletic season. If you are interested and would like to discuss one of the positions further, please contact Eric Smith by phone (790-1676) or email: esmith@vlhs.com. The season runs from March 11 through the first week of June.

A Hive For Workers

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