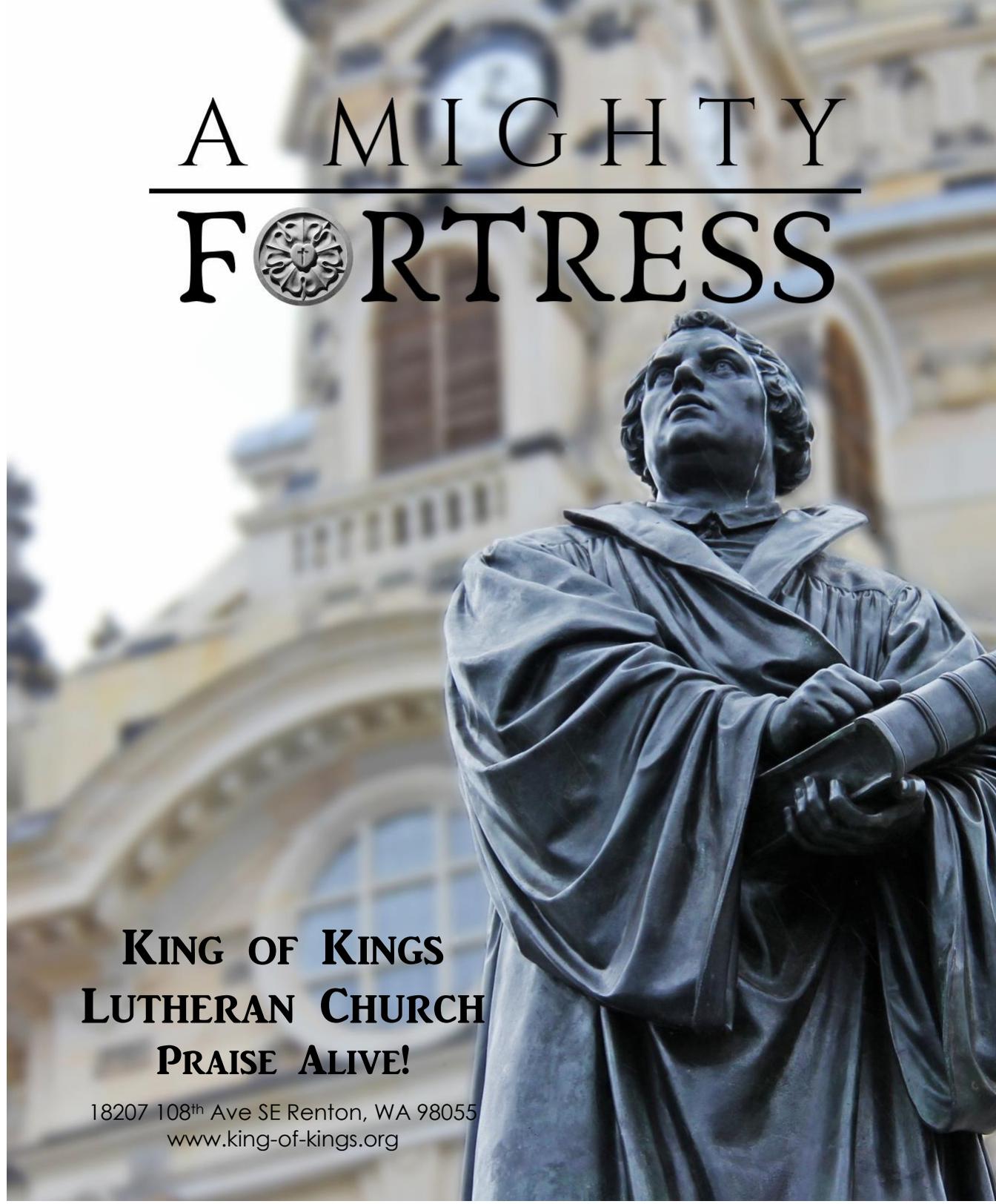


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INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: In the name of God the Father,

C: **Our Father in heaven who loves me without any merit or worthiness in me.**

P: In the name of God the ☩ Son,

C: **The Son of God who has redeemed me with His holy, precious blood and made me to be His own, a member of His kingdom.**

P: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

C: **The Spirit of God who has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and keeps me in the true faith. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

READINGS

The First Lesson

Psalm 46

Pew Bible, page 885

The Second Lesson

Romans 3:19-28

Pew Bible, page 1750

The Gospel Lesson

John 8:31-36

Pew Bible, page 1663

MESSAGE

Pastor Paul Birner

OFFERING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: The Bible says, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." [1 John 1:8]

C: **The Bible also says, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."** [1 John 1:9]

P: We know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that we were redeemed, but with the precious blood of Christ,

- C:** **He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for our sakes.** [1 Peter 1:18-20]
- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
- C:** **We have made bad choices. We have not loved You with our whole heart;**
- P: We have chosen to satisfy our own desires. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- C:** **We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? [Romans 8:31-34]
- C:** **It is God who justifies. Who is He that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.** [Rom 8:33-34]
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND SCHOOL KITS

PRAYERS

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- C:** **Remember me, O LORD... come to my aid... that I may enjoy the prosperity of Your chosen ones.** [Ps 106:4-5]

*Special Prayers will be made at this time
Petitions will end with the words, "Lord in Your mercy"
The congregation may respond, "Hear our prayer."*

- P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray
- C:** **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.**

Baptismal Anniversaries: Donna Wenndt – Oct. 29

STATEMENT OF FAITH

from Luther's Small Catechism

P: Let us confess our Christian faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P: He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them.

C: He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil;

P: All this He does purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

P: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;

C: Not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death;

P: So that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him.

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

P: The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

C: In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

P: In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

C: He will at the last Day raise up me and all the dead, and give unto me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

P: This is most certainly true.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God.

If your worship is more comfortable while seated, you are welcome to do so.

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