

## Old Testament

*Nehemiah 8:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup>And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabab, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

<sup>11</sup>So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

<sup>12</sup>And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great

rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

## Epistle

*1 Timothy 6:11b–16*

<sup>11</sup>Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

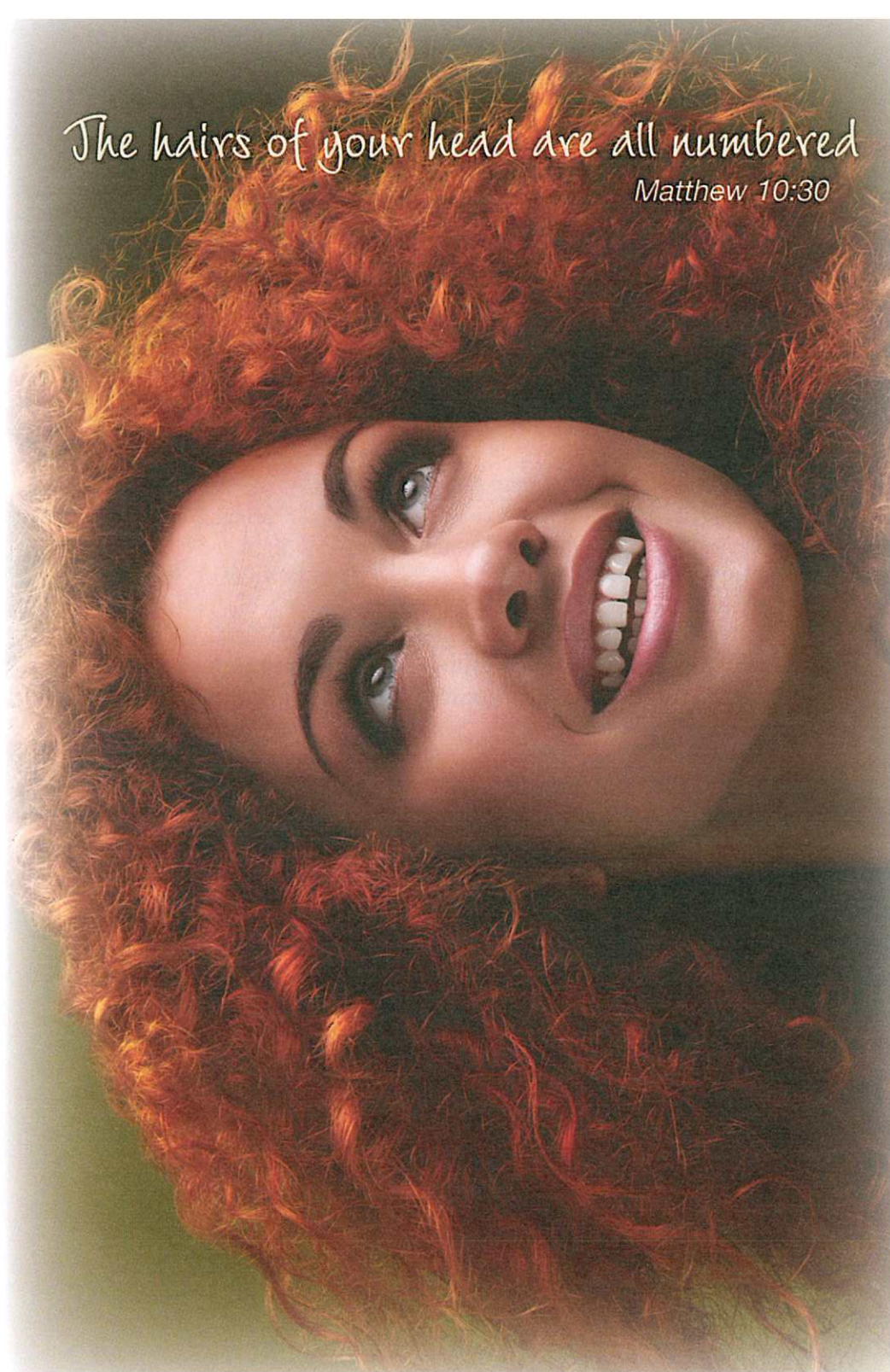
## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:26–33*

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

*The hairs of your head are all numbered*

*Matthew 10:30*



**About the Cover:** God's creation is most important to Him. He created us and all things by His powerful Word and abundant love, placing mankind at the head of His creation. We are His gem, created in His image, with the rest of the creation serving our good. And even after sin entered the world, God did not abandon His creation. He sent His Son into the fallen world to redeem and save us and, even now, orders all of creation for the good of His people.



## PRESENTATION OF AUGSBURG CONFESSION

June 21 & 25, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151

Hymns: "Brave Hearts Made Bold, God's Truth Confessed" (Tune: 492), 555,  
805, 658

Sermon: "Confess Jesus – It's Good for Your Soul!" Matthew 10:32-33

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 6/14 (Wed.): 54	Comm.: 50	Offering: \$ 691.00
Attendance 6/18 (Sun): 41	Comm: 34	Offering: \$1,267.00
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 6/18: \$ 54.63	

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (6/28) 7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion  
SUN (7/02) 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in God's glory by Pete & Betty Zarnoth in honor of their anniversary.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Pete & Betty Zarnoth in honor of their anniversary.

**WELCOME** Elliot & Serena Derricks, Lutheran Bible Translator (LBT) missionaries. Information about their ministry is on the bulletin insert. We will receive a door offering today to support their mission work.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Margaret Zutz will be held on Monday, June 26 at 11 a.m. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF** you are dyslexic, an agnostic, and an insomniac? You lie awake at night wondering if there is a dog.

**WORK ON THE PARKING LOT** will begin soon. Please be aware that at times you may need to park on the street in order to enter the church.

**GRADUATION CARDS** are available in the card room

**COME CAMP IN THE WOODS!** Are you looking to get out and enjoy nature? The LuWiSoMo Campground offers something for everyone: three cabins, 38 water/electric sites, five light electric sites, and 50 primitive sites. All sites include a picnic table and fire ring. Our campground also features wooded trails, mini-golf, horseshoes, playground, volleyball, playing fields, and access to our beach. FREE boat rentals are included in your reservation. Call (920) 622-3350 or visit [www.luwisomo.org/campgrounds](http://www.luwisomo.org/campgrounds) to reserve your site today.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

*Romans 6:13 "Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness."* Everything we have – even our own existence, our very selves – is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, church, and society. How will you serve Him today?

### **DISTRICT MISSION PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Pray this week for our District's partnership in ministry to the Dominican Republic. Boldly ask Him to continue His blessings on the congregations, preaching stations, seminary, schools and group homes for developmentally disabled youth, and to bless their missionaries and church workers who need our support to continue the work He has put before them.



*God does not love you because  
you are important . . .  
You are important because  
God loves you.*

