

False christ #7

# Moral Example



Seventh in the series "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?"

**AS WE GATHER**

Today we focus on the false christ: The Moral Example. This false christ draws us away from what the Real Jesus has done to focus on what mankind needs to do by following Jesus' example. The Moral Example's focus is on works of righteousness that we do to accomplish salvation through moral living, rather than trusting in what Jesus has done for us through His atoning sacrifice on a cross. Trusting in Jesus as The Moral Example we must follow, is not God's answer to our sin. Rather the Real Jesus has the power to forgive sin. And by His grace as far as the East is from the West so far has your sin been removed from you.

**OPENING HYMN****A MIGHTY FORTRESS****LSB 656****\*INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES***Psalm 41:13; 79:9, 13; 125:1-2*

- P Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
C **from everlasting to everlasting!**
- P Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!  
C **We Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**
- P Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.  
C **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***Psalm 130*

- P Beloved in the Lord, as together we make our confession this day, we use words of Psalm 130. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution. We speak the words of the psalm. Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord!  
C **O Lord, hear my voice!**
- P Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
C **O Lord, who could stand?**
- P But with You there is forgiveness,  
C **that You may be feared.**
- P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

C **My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

P O Israel, hope in the LORD!

C **For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.**

P And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

C **O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

P God has promised His forgiveness of sins to those who repentantly confess their sins, imploring His grace and mercy for the sake of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*KYRIE**— *Sung; tune LSB 204*

**\*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**— *Sung; tune LSB 204*

### **\*SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **REFORMATION SEQUENCE**

*Part 1*

P One of the most famous documents of the Reformation Era is the set of the Ninety-Five Theses posted on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517.

A In this set of ninety-five statements that Dr. Luther wished to have debated was a challenge to accepted practices in the church of his time that Luther felt were at odds with the biblical witness and therefore were not true. His introduction to the set of statements he had written is highlighted by two words: "love" and "truth."

P The challenges to Luther that resulted from his posting of the Ninety-Five Theses remained a constant factor throughout his life. A few years before his death, he wrote the words to the stirring hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word." Both the text and the tune are attributed to the great reformer.

### **HYMN FOR THE WORD LORD KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD LSB 655,vs. 1**

### **FIRST READING**

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear

God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 3:19–28*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*VERSE

*Luke 12:32*

- C **Alleluia.**  
**Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**  
**Alleluia.**

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*John 8:31–36*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN**                    **DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL REJOICE**                    **LSB 556, vs. 1, 4, 5, 10**

**SERMON**                    **FALSE CHRIST: THE MORAL EXAMPLE**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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**C**    **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**

**REFORMATION SEQUENCE**

*Part 2*

- P**    A major focus of Luther's Ninety-Five Theses was his concerns about the marketing of indulgences or letters of pardon for sins committed that were sold by traveling salesmen sent out by the church to raise funds for cathedral construction and other church projects. This money-raising strategy turned the forgiveness God gives freely through Jesus Christ into a commodity that could be purchased for the right price. Indulgences were readily available to wealthy people but not to the masses of common people—the kind of people that Luther knew well and preached to week by week. In Theses 36 and 37, he rightly asserts that God's forgiveness is equally available to all who repent.
- A**    "Every truly repentant Christian has plenary [full] remission of penalty and guilt, even without letters of pardon. Every true Christian, whether living or dead, has a part in all the benefits of Christ and the church, given him by God, even without letters of pardon."
- P**    Luther's love for the truth and his desire to bring it to light led to dark times for those who saw the light of the Gospel in the writings of the great reformer. In the second stanza of "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," Luther prays that God would defend and protect the church and its people. His prayer in his day is our prayer today as well.

## HYMN FOR THE WORD LORD KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD LSB 655,vs. 2

### \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

### REFORMATION SEQUENCE

Part 3

- P In the final two of the Ninety-Five Theses, Martin Luther gave an indication that he was well aware of the pathway that Christians would be taking as they followed the truth of the Gospel. No matter how contentious and challenging the world might be in a given era, the gracious guidance of Christ would be sufficient to lead His faithful flock to the joys of everlasting glory. Hear now Theses 94 and 95.
- A "Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace (Acts 14:22)."
- P In Thesis 62, Luther shared the heart of his message in a most straightforward way, as he writes, "The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God." The closing stanza of "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" is a prayer for peace and unity to the Holy Spirit. With the psalmist we say to our loving Lord, "I will praise You with an upright heart. . . . I will keep Your statutes" (119:7a, 8a). Together we sing the last stanza of Luther's hymn of trust and faith.

## HYMN FOR THE WORD LORD KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD LSB 655,vs. 3

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN TO DEPART

### THY STRONG WORD

LSB 578, vs. 3-6

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In Psalm 98 we are encouraged to, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises." Special thanks to the members of the brass ensemble—Christian Larson, Jacob Seeman, and Phil Workman—for using their talents to enrich our worship at TLO on this Reformation Sunday.

## Serving our Lord

		October 27, 2024	November 3, 2024
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Joanie Wachter and Jane Shull	Nim Traeger and Sharon Drews
Elder	8am	Bill Breitinger and Rob Orr	Andy Olson and Sam Erdman
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Open
Reader	8am	Rob Orr	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Kurt Vallin	Open
Usher Team	8am	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Ben Swenson	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte(s)	8am	Isaac Koch	Open
	10:30am	Dana Vallin, Sean Hakanson	Open
Projectionist	8am	Don Lee	Open
	10:30am	Eric Hakanson	Ben Swenson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



### Operation Christmas Child

**Lunch and shoebox packing event | November 10 | 11:30am**

Save the date and join us to pack boxes that change the world. We're looking for donations of socks and bars of soap. Along with toys and hygiene items, each box contains the Gospel in the child's language. The cost to ship each box is \$9 so donations towards this cost are also needed. Need more information? Contact Cindy Rahn (651) 503-1590.



The Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Library is sponsoring the **Scholastic Book Fair** where you will be able to shop for birthday or Christmas presents or just items for enjoyment and benefit TLO Library at the same time. The Book Sale will be open

Sunday, Nov.3rd and 10th 9:00 to noon, Tuesday, November 5th, 2:30–9:00, and also Thursday, November 7th, 2:30-6:00. We hope to see you there!

**COMING UP AT TLO — October 27, 2024 — November 3, 2024**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)**

Sun	8:00*am	Reformation Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	9:15am	Moms in Prayer
	10:30am	Reformation Worship
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible Class; studying Proverbs
	4:00pm	Privileged to Pray
	5:00pm	Cross and Crown
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Midweek Confirmation Class
	7:00pm	Truth Project
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel events
Fri	9:00am	WoW (Women of the Word) Bible study
Sat	1:00pm	Peniel events

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sun	Daylight Savings Time - Set Clocks Back One Hour	
	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion and All Saints Day worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion and All Saints Day worship
	12:30am	Peniel Evangelical Church



**Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Sunday**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night, November 2 lest you arrive at the 7:00am service (!) on November 3.



**Privileged to Pray meets monthly**

Come for a powerful hour as we use the ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication) model in our prayer time. All meetings are at Lexington Pointe. Contact the church office for detailed information. We'd love to have you join!

- Monday, October 28, 2024, 4:00pm
- Monday, December 2, 2024, 4:00pm
- Thursday, January 2, 2025, 4:00pm
- Monday, February 3, 2025, 4:00pm





### **Kids Go To The Movie Free On Nov. 2**

Based on the beloved book, THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER centers on the Herdmans – absolutely the worst kids in the history of the world. But this Christmas, they’re taking over their local church Pageant – and they just might unwittingly teach a shocked community the true meaning of Christmas. Learn more about FREE kids’ tickets in our TLO Together or by calling the church office.

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### **Concordia Academy Holiday Craft Fair**

The Concordia Academy Holiday Craft Fair returns on November 9 with almost 100 crafters and vendors, delicious treats, prize drawings, and lots of fun! Admission is free. Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair) for details!

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### **It’s not too late to show your appreciation! October Is Church Worker Appreciation Month** (formerly Pastor Appreciation Month)

In His great love and mercy, God cares for His people through the men and women serving in church work vocations. The LCMS thanks God for the faithful church workers who serve in congregations and schools across our Synod and encourages you to do the same. Remember to show your gratitude and support for your pastors, teachers, church musicians, deaconesses and other church workers!

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### **Birthdays this week**

Oct 27 Elizabeth Frick, Aleksander Stenstad  
Oct 28 Heather Hakanson  
Oct 29 Michael Holey, Peter Rahn  
Oct 31 Karen Turnmire  
Nov 1 Wendy Nguyen

### **Anniversaries this week**

Oct 29 Dave and Marsha Workman

**WEEKLY DEPOSITS: October 20, 2024**

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	6,222.00
	(Our offering budget is \$9,330 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	445.00
	(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	2,018.90
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	130.00
	Chapel offerings - supporting Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	32.11
	Sunday school - supporting Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$	8.36
	Church and school fees	\$	312.50
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>9,168.87</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	185.30
	Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$	N/A
	Concordia Fund - supporting TLO members attending a Concordia	\$	N/A
	Acorn Scholarship Fund - supporting TLO School student tuition	\$	N/A
	Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	260.00
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	\$	<b>445.30</b>

**Fiscal Year To Date** as of October 20, 2024

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$9,330.00 per week for 16 weeks)	\$	149,280.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	121,895.66
	YTD Difference	\$	-27,384.34
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$675.00 per week for 16 weeks)	\$	10,800.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	8,712.00
	YTD Difference	\$	-2,088.00



**Can you meet this need?**

Are you handy? Do you have the tools to sharpen scissors? The TLO Quilters have up to eight pair of scissors that need to be sharpened for their work to make beautiful quilts. Their season starts in January 2025. Contact Roxanne Foley if you can lend a hand (651) 455-3914.

## Remember in Prayer



### Mission Field:

- Pastor Park, missionary to Taiwan, requests our prayers for unity among Christians in the country.

### Blessings and Thanksgiving:

- The Olander family received positive news at Ian's October 23 MRI appointment!

### Those with Health Concerns:

Dealing with cancer and treatment:

- Avianna, young niece of Chelsea Cardenas

Hospitalized, in rehab, or on hospice

- Char Timm, moved to Heritage Place, Room #105, 3434 Heritage Dr., Edina MN 55355
- Jeff Schaaf, recovering after a stroke and a fall

Dealing with health concerns:

- Eddie Burdick's genetic brain disease is progressing, and symptoms are worsening
- Dixie Cliff
- Alice Dornseif, recovering at home
- Teresa Dornseif, sister-in-law of Alice, recovering from ankle reconstruction surgery
- Gloria, Jim Kohn's sister-in-law, continued prayers as she goes through chemo
- Silas Kohn, undergoing treatment for LCH until August 2025
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, autoimmune liver issues
- David Nystrom - godson of Alice - recovering at home
- Sharon Phelps, mom of Cindy Rahn, recovering after a fall
- Sally Pieper, recovering at home after surgery

### For those that mourn

- The family of Russ Starksen who will hold memorial service Thursday, October 24

### Ongoing Prayers

- For our members and friends in care facilities or homebound  
+ Donine Leatherby
- Ryan Kroonblawd - 2nd Year Seminarian - Concordia Seminary - St. Louis, MO



### Weekly memory verse

The church confesses to Christ, "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). And the church is encouraged to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." (Col. 3:16). The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week.

Our verse this week is Ephesians 1:13: "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit."



## Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

**For those with small children**, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children's bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

**Restrooms** are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

**Large print copies of the worship folder** are available. Please ask an usher.



## Concordia Academy Open House

Concordia Academy's open house on November 4, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, gives prospective students and families a great chance to see how CA honors God through excellence in academics, arts, athletics, and more! Meet teachers and students, take a tour, learn about programs, and see what makes CA special. Please RSVP at [www.concordiaacademy.com/openhouse](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/openhouse).



## Concordia Academy Fall Play

CA's fall play, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, is coming November 15-17. This Tony-winning play upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan comes to be The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up (a.k.a. Peter Pan). Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/peter](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/peter) for info and tickets.