

Reaching an ever-changing world with God's never-changing Word!

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February 2023



Pastor Kent

"From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

(Matthew 16:21 ESV)

Although it seems that we just finished our Christmas celebration, our celebration of Jesus' birth, another important season is upon us. Later this month, on the 22nd, we'll enter into the season of Lent. We'll enter into this season of repentance and preparation for our celebration of Easter, of Jesus' resurrection from the grave.

On the Wednesdays of Lent, the youth and their families will once again serve meals, prior to our Lenten services. This makes it easy for families to attend our Wednesday night activities, as they don't have to come home from work and prepare a meal for themselves. It also provides a wonderful time of fellowship for church members and guests of all

ages. And it provides an opportunity for our young people to raise money for their youth accounts as they receive a free-will offering on the night they serve. Please plan to join us each week for these meals at 5:45.

We'll also be sharing two series of messages as we look forward to Easter. On the Sundays of Lent, Joe and I will share a series titled, *Triumphs of the Cross*. Each week, we'll learn of a blessing provided by Jesus' sacrifice, which fills us with hope. Our Wednesday series will be a little more introspective in nature. Joe, Cody, and myself will share a series titled, *Lenten Questions*. Each week, we'll look at a question asked by Jesus or someone else in Scripture and how it applies to us, today.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on February 22nd. This service will be a communion service. We will also give you the opportunity for the imposition of ashes, which is a sign of repentance, as well as a reminder of the fate we deserve and the promise of the gospel.

During Holy Week, we'll join for worship on Maundy Thursday, which commemorates Jesus' command to

love one another, as well as his institution of the Lord's Supper. This will be a communion service as well. And we'll join for worship on Good Friday, as we remember and celebrate Jesus' death on the cross, and the blessings he provided for us by this act.

The Saturday before Easter, Christian Ed will again host an Easter party at the church for the children of our community and their families. They will decorate cookies and eat them, of course! They'll make a craft. They'll hear the Easter story. And they'll participate in an Easter egg hunt.

Finally, we'll have two opportunities for worship on Easter morning, with breakfast served by the youth in between. A free-will offering will again be collected during this meal to help the youth attend retreats and other activities. We hope you can join us during this special season of the church year, and bring with you friends and family who may find it meaningful!

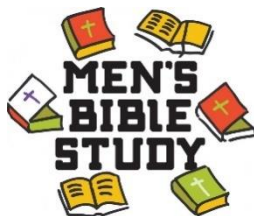
Prayer request

Prince of Peace is part of a community wide prayer chain. If you have something you would like added to the prayer chain – please email or call the church office.



Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Join us Saturday
February 25 @ 7am for study,
food and fellowship.



Sunday School Corner

We are back into the swing of things after Christmas. We are memorizing Psalm 1 and will recite it to the congregation this spring sometime. If you want to work on it at home with your children that would be great. We use the version that is in the pew Bibles if you want to take a picture so we all have the same wording. We recite the 10 commandments and also Psalm 121 once a month so we can retain what we have already memorized. In February we will be singing for church February 19th.

In His Hands,
Donna Bieri



From Hunger to Hope
We have started to meet again to plan for our FMSC Mobile Pack which is scheduled for September 8th and 9th. I think our first event will be an egg bake brunch after church. We haven't set a date yet, but I am thinking it will probably be February or March. In April we will be serving fleshkeuchkle at the Dodge Vendor Show, and we are also planning to do a drive thru fleshkeuchkle feed (we haven't set a date for that either). If you are willing to help with any of these events please let me know, we would love to have you!! I always tell our group we are small, but we are mighty from the story about Gideon! Also, we usually meet after church before SS so they are quick meetings. I usually announce them before church.

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If you can not be with us in our Sanctuary for worship, please know that our service is available on YouTube. You can access the link via our Facebook page or subscribe to Prince of Peace Free Lutheran Church Beulah ND

Threads of Love Quilters



Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesday mornings @ 9am. All are welcome! It is a wonderful time of working together and fellowship.

Communion prep for February

Marvin & Joyce Bauer

Communion prep for March

Darcee Wenning

POP Worship Attendance

12-04 - 149
12-11 - 163
12-18 - 227 SS Christmas program
12-24 - 296 Christmas Eve
12-25 - 70 Christmas Day
01-01 - 96 New Year's Day
01-08 - 136
01-15 - 140
01-22 - 145



From the Chairman

GRACE FOR THE MESS

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:17

The meaning of life. The wasted years of life. The poor choices of life. God answers the mess of life with one word: grace.

We talk as though we understand the term. The bank gives us a grace period. The seedy politician falls from grace. Musicians speak of a grace note. At church grace graces the songs we sing and the Bible verses we read. Grace shares the church parsonage with its cousins: forgiveness, faith, and fellowship. Preachers explain it. Hymns proclaim it. Seminaries teach it.

But do we really understand it?

Here's, a hunch: we've settled for wimpy grace. It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn, fits nicely on a church sign. Never causes trouble or demands a response. When asked, "do you believe in grace?" Who could say no?

Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Softened by grace? God's grace has drenching about it. A wildness about it. A white-water, riptide, turn-you-upside-downness about it. Grace comes after you. It rewires you. From insecure to God secure. From regret-riddled to better-because-of-it. From afraid-to-die to ready-to-fly. Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off. IN Christ Marvin C. Sigman.



Prince of Peace
Women's Missionary
Federation (WMF)

***The Mission of the WMF of Prince of Peace
is to study and share the Good News of Jesus, through
word and deed, at home, in our community and
throughout the world.***

We are already looking at February! But it is still a week and a half away as I am typing this. January has been an okay month. Not too much new snow and not too cold but the sun has been hidden behind low clouds. I am looking forward to some sunshine even if it means colder temps.

It was good to get started on our new WMF Bible study. We looked at Eve, the first woman in the Old Testament. Eve was a woman "Rescued from Shame". She disobeyed God's only rule in the Garden of Eden, *"You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* (Genesis 2:16-17) The serpent tempted Eve with words that brought doubt as to God's word. He said that God didn't really mean that they would die. She saw that the fruit looked good to eat and understood that she would be wiser by eating it so she took it and ate some and shared it with Adam who was with her. As soon as they ate it they realized they were naked and covered themselves with fig leaves. God confronted them with what had been done and pronounced the punishment that would occur not just to them but to all mankind. Life wasn't going to be easy. But God didn't leave them without hope. He promised that from Eve would come One who would overcome the devil, Jesus. God made for them garments of skins and clothed them. He drove them out of the garden to work the ground...

Eve was forgiven! Her sins were covered. We were forgiven! We looked at these verses that reassure us of our forgiveness: 1John 1:9, Romans 8:1, John 14:1. Have a look.

WMF Bible study will be Monday February 20th at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will be looking at "**Hagar, The God Who Sees Me**, A lesson in being *Known*". Please come join us. There are still books available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

WMF coffee fellowship meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the fellowship hall. The Threads of Love Quilters are taking a break at that time as well. We enjoy good conversation. We also take care some WMF business. We looked at greeting from some of our missionaries. Margie shared how much the Naknek mission loves the quilts that they receive from the Lower 48 church women. It isn't easy to go in to a place where people don't know you with a word/message from God. But gifts of quilts, warm clothing, a Bible or book can open doors otherwise closed.

With the help of a couple of Thrivent cards we have been able to purchase a shelf and some storage totes for the seasonal decorations that add to our facility's beauty. This will be stored upstairs behind the altar. So thankful for the women who have put their names on the committees that take of these tasks and for the men who lift and tote and climb ladders and stairs.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..." James 4:7-8a

In His name,

Judy 870-2131



Radio Broadcast

Please contact the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday radio broadcast. The cost is \$40. The radio broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30am on KDKT 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are February 5, 12, 19, & 26 and March 5, 12, 19 & 26. Please email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to sponsor.

Fellowship for February 2023

Feb 5 : Tad & Gina Feist, Jay & Ashley Olson

Feb 12: Betty Hausauer, Paul & Sharon Sayler, Ella Fandrich

Feb 19: Jared & Kelsey Glynn, Jim & Chris Alt

Feb 26: Kacey & Michelle Klaudt, Ross & Lisa Lenzen

Fellowship for March 2023

March 5 : Perry & Deb Sayler, Garrett & Michelle Placke

March 12: Sperry family, Shane & Amy Haugen

March 19: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Sodie Peabody, Betty Unruh

March 26: Jim & Darcee Wenning, Bruce Neuberger, Kayla Palmer

Ushers for February 2023

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Children's Message

We will be having a Lenten children's message on Sunday February 26.

Devotionals

We have a large selection of devotionals for you to choose from at the back of the Sanctuary. Pick one up for yourself or someone you know!

Warehouse Report

It may still be hard to believe, but we are in the year 2023. January went by so fast that we have barely been able to keep track of it. Now it's February and before we know it, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving again. Yet, I want to challenge us to something this year and wanted to have a little fun. Let me know if you notice something fun about the passages.

Read Exodus 20:23 "You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold." Also please read Leviticus 20:23 "And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them."

The Exodus passage gives a command and a reminder of only having one god, the one True God is all we should worship. Our hearts only have room for Jesus. We want so badly to place other things in our life in the same space as God. We tend to worship our job, family, hobbies, sports teams, and even ourselves. All of these things we place above God. Yet, God makes it very clear He is only worthy of our worship.

The Leviticus passage is a warning to God's chosen people not to fall into the sins of the culture around them. We are also called to be separate from the world we live in; we need to shine the light of Jesus in this dark world. We should be different from this sinful world we should stand out in a crowd. God has called us to be different.

With the New Year in full swing, please take a look and your life and be honest. Have you placed things above God in your life? When only God is worshiped in your life, things will look different from others around you. That's good! Actually that's kind of the point.

Coming up in Feb.

We will be hosting a Gospel Team from FLBC Feb. 11-12 and We will have the Ski trip Feb. 19-20

February Birthdays

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| 1-Feb | Edith Fandrich |
| 1-Feb | Keith Peterson |
| 1-Feb | Connie Schaper |
| 3-Feb | Kelly Neuberger |
| 4-Feb | Levi Sayler |
| 6-Feb | Beth Zimmerman |
| 7-Feb | Lillian Boeshans |
| 7-Feb | Janet Iverson |
| 7-Feb | Vienna Tolosky |
| 8-Feb | Noah Bieri |
| 8-Feb | Mark Schneider |
| 9-Feb | Hailey Palmer |
| 9-Feb | Kelsey Timmer |
| 10-Feb | Marvin Sigman |
| 11-Feb | Chris Alt |
| 12-Feb | Jim Schmit |
| 12-Feb | Alisha Webster |
| 16-Feb | Nancy Swanson |
| 16-Feb | Ryker Tolosky |
| 19-Feb | Stephanie Goetz |
| 22-Feb | Maria Sackman |
| 23-Feb | Ashlee Sigman |
| 25-Feb | Pauline Frank |
| 25-Feb | Marie Kemmet |
| 25-Feb | Gabriel Novak |
| 25-Feb | Paul Sayler |
| 26-Feb | Heidi Ulland |
| 26-Feb | Billie Jo Weltikol |
| 27-Feb | Leeta Olin |
| 28-Feb | Eugene Hausauer |
| 28-Feb | Gordon Hoffner |
| 28-Feb | Everett Olsen |
| 28-Feb | Willie Schaper |
| 28-Feb | Jim Schumaier |

Noisy Offering

Our Sunday School children will be collecting change in our noisy offering on Sunday, February 19. Bring your pockets full of change if you are interested! This month's offering will go to the **Women's Care Center** in conjunction with our "fill the playpen" fundraiser.



Lent Meals

Please join us every Wednesday evening during Lent @ 6pm – beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 22 for a family style meal then worship with us at 7pm.



BABYSHOWER

Fill the playpen fundraiser for WCC during the month of February! New or newly crafted baby items please. Cash donations accepted also. (diapers, wipes, clothes, toys, bottles, blankets, hats, etc...)

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 12, 2023

President's Report – Marvin Sigman

He has been working with Feed My Starving Children. FMSC is planning to do fundraisers at the Dodge craft shows and Beulah's Shop till You Drop. They don't think they will need to ask for any money from church this year.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Conducted funerals for Stan Miller and David Hausauer.

Had a video meeting with the AFLC World Missions Board.

Conducted a service at Senior Suites.

Communed our members at KRCC.

Confirmation is going well. We just finished up our study of the Apostles' Creed, and the kids will be taking their quiz this next week.

The adult Sunday School class has continued working through our curriculum titled "Enduring Faith" which focuses on answering the difficult questions of faith with which people struggle.

My family and I attended the funeral for Cheri's brother in LA from Dec. 28th-31st. Thank you, again, for that time.

I'll be out of town to attend meetings of the AFLC World Missions Board from Feb. 15th-18th.

Tickets have been purchased for the mission trip to Uganda with our World Missions director. We'll be flying out of Minneapolis on the 14th of March and returning on the 29th.

Spiritual Life Meetings have been scheduled with Pastor Michael Brandt, as our speaker. The dates will be April 23rd-26th. Deacons, please note that this is a change. Pastor Brandt recently asked to move it back a week.

Intern Pastor's Report – Joe Larson

12/11: Did service/adult SS/preaching here at POP

12/12: Led graveside service for Stan Miller at Veterans' Cemetery

12/18: Was blessed to enjoy an end-of-the-year party at the clubhouse

12/19: Assisting with sound for David H. funeral service

12/25: Leading of Christmas Day service and preaching in chunks

1/1: Leading of service and preaching at Trinity Parish

1/4: Leading confirmation and Adult Bible Study (Romans 11)

1/8: Leading service and preaching here at POP, puppet potluck party in evening

1/9: Gaining some counseling experience every few weeks

1/11–12: Teaching youth group and MSBS

Upcoming Events or Things of Note

1/13–17: Youth Worker's Weekend at the ARC before board interviews

1/17+: Can begin interviews with congregations. (Likely gone 1/29, 2/12+26, 3/12)

Preaching at POP: 2/19, W3/1, 3/19, W3/22, 3/26, and then maybe 4/16?

Preaching at Trinity Parish: 2/5, 3/5, and 4/2

3/1+: Can consider and accept calls. Please keep us in your prayers!

Youth Director's Report – Cody Halverson

Senior High Youth Group We are continuing in the new "series" of looking at topics in life through a Biblical way of thinking. This has been and will be really good for the youth, if allows them to ask questions that they are facing today, and get the answers from God's Word.

Middle School Bible School We are continuing to have fun and learn about the Bible and like the older youth, look at how to live life in a Biblical way. This

group seems to be more open about talking with what goes on in their home lives. It is important for youth to take the lessons home and possible tell parents about what they are learning.

Sunday School We enjoy having fun games and the lesson is really fun and I believe the youth are learning a lot with the lessons.

Cody thanked the council for approving his day of vacation quickly after a water pipe broke in his Valley City home. He also was thankful for the donation to help fix the water issue.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

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| General Fund | \$ | 10,005.31 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 42,742.24 |
| Coffee Hour Fund | \$ | 193.54 |
| Intern Fund | \$ | 22,300.99 |
| Van/Storage Fund | \$ | 1,150.00 |
| Total Bank Acct | \$ | 142,459.42 |

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Each Christmas, a church member anonymously gives me \$500 to share with someone in need. They prefer that it go to a congregation member. The Deacons decided it would be good this year for the \$500 to go to Cody and Sierra to help with frozen water pipe expenses.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. We'll plan for Lent meals, put on by youth families as a fundraiser for their youth accounts, beginning at 5:45. We'll have worship at 7:00 each week. We'll have a series of messages running on Sundays, which Joe and Pastor Kent will share, and another series on Wednesdays which will be shared by Pastor, Cody, and Joe. And for Holy Week, we'll have our typical Maundy Thursday communion service, Good Friday service, and our two Easter Sunday services with breakfast in between (again, put on by the youth).

Spiritual Life Meetings – Pastor Kent contacted Pastor Michael Brandt to share with us for our spring

Spiritual Life Meetings. He accepted, and we scheduled the meetings for April 16th-19th. He also has a ministry called "Shepherding the Shepherds." Pastor Brandt asked if he could some time to work with those available from council on Saturday, April 15th from 9:00-12:00. It would consist of ministry assessment and strategic planning.

Trustees – Ryan Tolosky

We have \$9,000 left to pay on the building. Bruce Neuberger has been taking care of the building. Ryan thanked everyone that has been helping with snow removal. Ryan had Dale Schwalbe take care of moving snow Christmas weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe – We voted to split our tithe of \$2,948.19 with \$800 to be given to Grace Sperry for her upcoming Uganda Mission Trip and \$1,948.19 to the AFLC ARC. We also voted to give \$200 from the Annual Conference/Training budget item to Grace for her upcoming Uganda Mission Trip based on what we have given to others in the past depending upon the length of their mission trips.

University of Jamestown Concert – We approved hosting the University of Jamestown choir concert on Monday, March 6. Our obligations would be to have someone man the south booth, make rooms available for changing and have the kitchen open for an evening meal. POP could choose to feed the choir or someone else would be available to make a meal.

Hazen Task Force – We approved Cody Halverson being on the Hazen Task Force as part of his duties as our Youth Director. The task force works in Hazen and the surrounding communities. They meet the first Tuesday of each month and do planning like Post Prom, etc.

Hydraulic Man Lift – We approved Ryan Tolosky spending up to \$2,500 to purchase a used 110-volt hydraulic man lift he located in Bismarck. He will look at it in person before making the purchase to see if it would meet our needs.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from AFLC World Missions and Free Lutheran Association of Pilot Supporters (FLAPS) for our donations and prayers.

Also received a letter from AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship regarding beginning in January they are going to be offering a new series titled Disciple Equipping Workshops on a Saturday morning and invited us to be a host church – this information will be given to the Deacons.

2023 POP Church Council

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| President | Marvin Sigman |
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| Treasurer | Margie Lee |
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| Deacons | Kevin Lee |
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| | Les Buchmann |
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| | Bruce Neuberger |
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| | Donna Bieri |
| | Chrisy Rontondo |
| | Nicole Buchmann |
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Prince of Peace Lent/Easter Schedule

Each of the Lent services begin with a family style meal in the fellowship hall served by the youth of our congregation. All are welcome

02-22-2023 7pm - Ash Wednesday
 03-01-2023 7pm - Lenten service
 03-08-2023 7pm - Lenten service
 03-15-2023 7pm - Lenten service
 03-22-2023 7pm - Lenten service
 03-29-2023 7pm - Lenten service
 04-06-2023 7pm - Maundy Thurs. service
 04-07-2023 7pm - Good Friday service
 04-08-2023 7pm - Family Easter party
 04-09-2023 6am - Sunrise Easter service
 04-09-2023 9am - Resurrection service

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Please update your family info in the directory or contact the office to do so. If you are not connected to the directory – call the church office!



RECHARGE

YOUTH SKI DAY

FEB 19 - 20



Speaker Pastor Dan Hurner
 AFLC Youth Ministry Networking Coordinator

Sunday 19th - Meal, Games, and Session
 5pm Gathering - 6pm Start
 at Grace Lutheran Brethren Church
 615 10th Street East
 Bottineau, ND 58318-1835

Monday 20th - Skiing, Boarding, and Tubing
 10am at Bottineau Winter Park
 1 Winter Park Road, Bottineau, ND 58318
 skibwp.com

Intern's Israel Corner – Feb. 2023: Masada

As we neared the southern end of Israel, following along the shores of the Dead Sea, we came upon a massive collection of plateaus and mesas. Thankfully, the location we wanted to visit was connected to our low elevation by a cable car. As we made our way up to the most prominent peak, we were hit with quite a view.

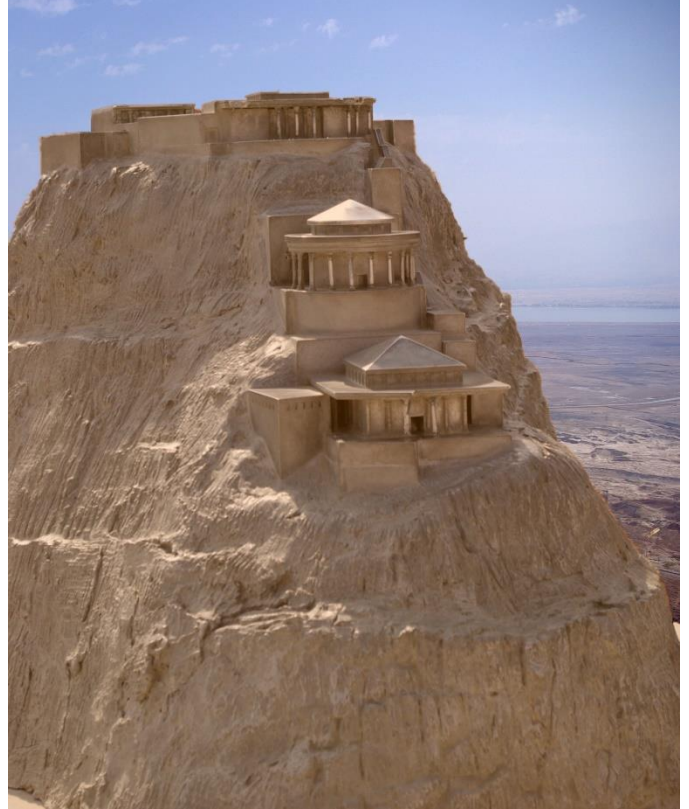


This was Masada. A massive jut of rock and stone with a very flat top. It was here that Herod, just before the time of Christ, built some serious fortifications and palaces. It was also here that Jewish rebels, after the destruction of the temple in AD 70, had fled.

Sticking out dramatically above the Dead Sea plains, this was a perfect location for a scenic view *and* an easily defendable fort. A few well-trained soldiers could defend this place from thousands of invaders. The natural climb up was treacherous and narrow. Even the Jewish rebels who came here were only reached by the Romans after huge mounds of

dirt were brought in week after week to get a siege machine near.

At its finest, Masada likely looked like this:



To support this sprawling fortress, a deep cistern was needed. We had plenty of room to move here, as it was dug deep into the rock. With no water, it had some acoustics!



It was these unique acoustics that brought a song to my mind. Standing on this massive stone peak, the words of *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* ran through my head.

I A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Luther had based this hymn off of a Psalm:

Psalm 46:*1 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. 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. 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; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Luther wrote his hymn as a reflection of the confidence that the Psalmist had in the might and power of God. Our God is still the same today. He is our Rock and our Redeemer. He is higher than the highest mesa and sturdier than the firmest cliff. No enemy or siege

machine can destroy those who stand by faith on the eternal rock.



Only ruins remain of Herod's mighty palace. But the rock we build on, Christ our Lord, will never fail us. If you trust in the Lord, His mighty hand will deliver you when you are in need. His call to us is the same today:

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

I'll let Luther explain the details in closing:
2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

4 That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!