



CHILD OF GOD

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All middle school youth are invited to Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church for youth group on Sunday, MAR 10th from 6:30-8:00pm! We'll play games, have a Bible devotion, and enjoy snacks.

Upon arrival, go to the back of the church and enter the double glass doors.

UPCOMING YOUTH DATES:

Save the date for the following Middle School Youth Group opportunities!

- **Sunday, April 21, Middle School Youth Group** (at Chapel of the Cross from 6:30-8:00pm)
- **Saturday, May 11, AmazinGrace Event** (Amazing Race styled event at Chapel of the Cross from 3:00-7:00pm. More details to come!)

LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN AN ELECTION YEAR --- HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1517 ARTICLE

Regardless of background or beliefs, every American I talk to seems on edge, as if the sky were about to fall. But the sky is not falling. Do you feel a faint sense of panic in the back of your mind? Does it seem to increase whenever you glance at the latest headlines? If so, you are not alone. Regardless of background or beliefs, every American I talk to seems on edge, as if the sky were about to fall. But the sky is not falling. Something worse is afoot: we are living in an election year!

Forgive the dark humor. The political discord between Americans is no laughing matter, but it would do us good to gain some perspective. I am old enough to remember that every election is "the most important in our lifetime," yet I know enough about history to see that this era is not uniquely awful. Nevertheless, the panic so many feel is real enough. Christians in the United States are asking hard questions about how we should engage with our fellow citizens in this difficult historical moment.

I will promote no candidate, party, or policy position here. Instead, I will offer hope based on God's promises. Followers of Jesus Christ may experience fear in response to world events, but nevertheless we can hold fast to the promises made by our Father and fulfilled by his son and given to us through faith.

Below are four reminders of these promises during this election year.

1. God's Plan is Certain and Trustworthy
2. Christ's Kingdom is Come
3. We Live Now for the Good of our Neighbor
4. The Gospel is for everyone

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Our Lord has promised us, "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev. 22:12-13). He holds the nations in his hands. All of history is in his control. Because of his perfect love, we are no longer bound by fear. (1 John 4:18) That is good news for you, for me, and for our neighbor. May these words encourage you in a contentious election year. All glory to the King of Kings!

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