

Mission Festival is next Sunday. Lydia Ohlmann will be presenting during the Bible Class hour (9:00 am) on our trip to Nepal, and Pastor Ohlmann will be delivering the sermon. Please be sure to join us for the occasion!

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 07 - 12, '23

Mon Matthew 13:44-46 To trade something, even something worth a lot, for something worth far more would not be called a "sacrifice." So also to have the LORD ruling brings life beyond the grave, and nothing you "gave up" to have Him rule would really be a "sacrifice."

Tues Proverbs 16:1-3 People make all kinds of plans, but the LORD has the last word. He knows our plans, for He looks into our hearts, and if He guides our plans, they will succeed, for His Kingdom will come!

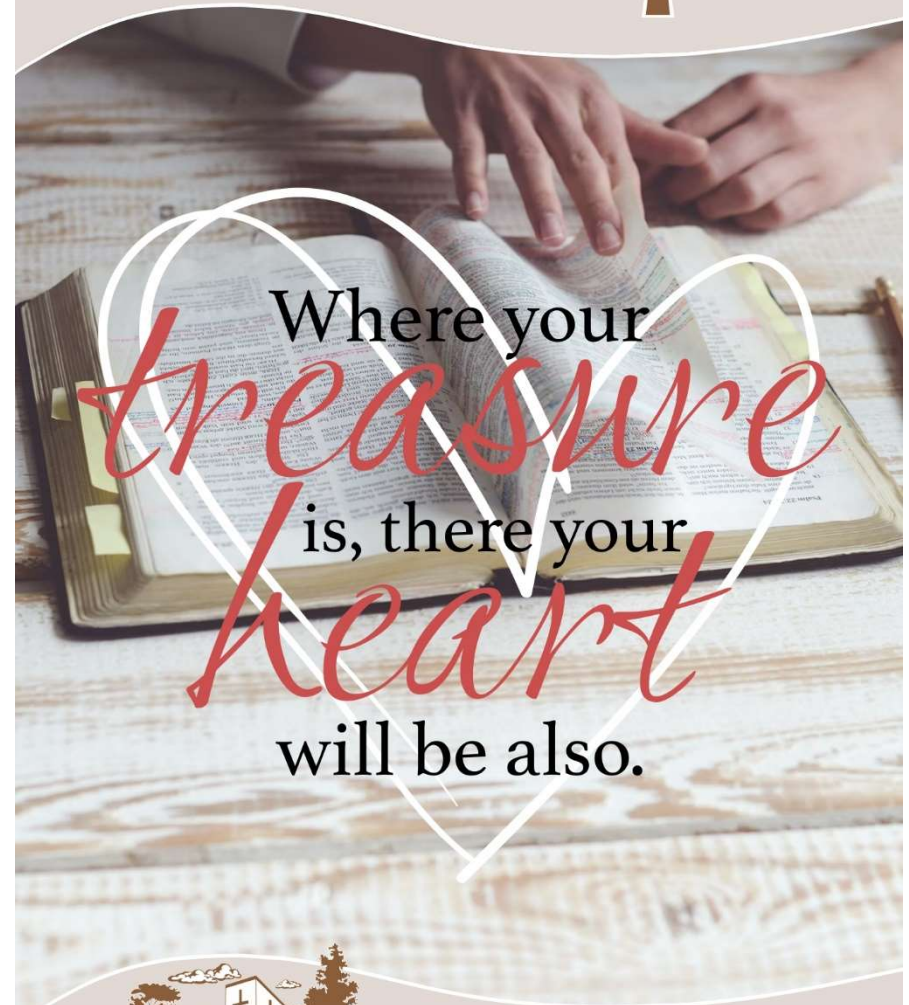
Wed Proverbs 16:4-6 The LORD is the Ruler of all things, even the unruly ones of His creation. But His atonement is for the world, which He loves (Jn3:16), and His fear and love will also guide our steps!

Thur Proverbs 16:7-9 In the LORD's kingdom, God sees to it that all things work together for the good of His own, and their wealth is not measured in material gain, but in being right with the LORD. For the heart of a person may plan, but the LORD rules (cp.v1).

Fri Acts 17:16-21 Paul was not in Athens to start another church, but to wait for Silas and Timothy to join him so they could go on. But as Paul saw the hyper-idolatry all around, he was moved to speak about Jesus and the resurrection. Some of the Greek philosophers took him to the council to hear more.

Sat Acts 17:22-34 When Paul spoke to the "wise" of his day, he was not harsh with them, but pointed out that all the world's wisdom did not reveal the One true God to them. When he proclaimed Jesus' resurrection, some scoffed, some said "Another time," and to some the Kingdom came!

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #761

"In You Is Gladness"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C *♫ Amen.*

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C *♫ Who made heaven and earth.*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C *♫ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

P O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *♫ Amen.*

The Agnus Dei

Latin phrase meaning, "Lamb of God."

C *♫ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

The Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

C *♫ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.*

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C *♫ Amen, amen, a – men.*

Hymn: TLH #430:1-4, 8

"What Is the World to Me"

The Offertory

- C** *♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #366:1-2, 5-7

"One Thing's Needful"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** *♩ And with thy spirit.*

- P** Lift up your hearts.

- C** *♩ We lift them up unto the Lord.*

- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, Our God.

- C** *♩ It is meet and right so to do.*

- P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

- C** *♩ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.*

The Words of Institution

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

- C** *♩ Amen.*

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The Introit

Ps. 105:1-6

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

- C** **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

- P** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

- C** **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

- P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

- C** **Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #528:15

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

- C** *♩ My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad, 'Tis full of mirth and singing, Sees naught but sunshine glad.*

The Sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;

That which I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** *♩ Amen.*

Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown

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into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

1 Timothy 6:17-21

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. ²⁰ O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," ²¹ for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #349:1-4

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

1 Kings 3:4-14

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place.

Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

God Offers Us a Blank Check

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