

East Palmyra Christian Reformed Church
Lord's Day Devotions
June 7, 2020

Psalm 124:8:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Scripture of Praise (Read Revelation 4:6-11):

(Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" #538 in the red hymnal and #318 in the blue Psalter-Hymnal)

Prayer for God's Blessing:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Sins:

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's Promise of Forgiveness (Ephesians 2:13):

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Psalm of Thanksgiving (Read Psalm 100)

God's Will for Our Lives (Matthew 5:2-12)

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #8, Question 25

Q. Since there is only one divine being, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A. Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Hearing of His Word:

Blessed Lord, who has caused Holy Scripture to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear, read, learn, and inwardly digest them, that through the comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 12:1-6
New Testament Reading:	Hebrews 1:1-4 1 Peter 1:17-21

Message:

"The Lamb" Pastor Michael Saville
(This message is available on the church website, our Facebook page, or on CD.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

1. Thanksgiving for our salvation in Jesus Christ.
2. Thanksgiving for our church and our families.
3. Thanksgiving to God for his daily mercies.

4. Pray for the difficult circumstances facing our nation including the Coronavirus, the protesting and rioting, and the economic problems that will result. Pray that God would be glorified and that many would come to repentance.
5. Pray for our national, state, and local leaders. Pray for godliness and wisdom in this nation.
6. Pray for law enforcement officers in our nation.
7. Pray for the preaching of the gospel and the gathering of the church from among all nations including here in the United States.
8. Pray for the persecuted church.
9. Pray for our local community
 - for East Palmyra Christian School (principal, teachers, families) as they cope with the challenges of COVID-19 (eg. families losing jobs, changes to fundraising plans).
 - for other local congregations as they seek to do the Lord's work in these challenging times.
10. Pray for the needs of our congregation:
(Please see the Congregational Prayers in the announcements section)
11. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Closing Psalm (Read Psalm 67)

(Song: Psalm 67 #934 in the red hymnal or #121 in the blue Psalter-Hymnal)

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who pray in Your Son's name, we ask You mercifully to incline Your ear to us, who have now made our prayers and supplications to You. Grant that those things that we have faithfully asked, according to Your will, may be obtained, to the relief of our needs and to the setting forth of Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering: Though we are unable to collect an offering in worship we are encouraging our church family to continue supporting our congregation's ministry in the coming days.

June 7 Offering Schedule:

First Offering:	Ministries of the General Fund
Second Offering:	EPCS

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