

East Palmyra Christian Reformed Church

Lord's Day Devotions

March 15, 2020

Psalm 124:8:

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

Psalm of Praise:

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

(Another option would be to sing Psalm 100 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell." #1 in the Red Hymnal, #95 in the Blue Psalter Hymnal)

Prayer for God's Blessing:

Almighty God,
to whom our hearts are open,
our desires are known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the gracious power of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You
and worthily magnify Your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reading of God's Law (Read Exodus 20:1-17)

Confession of Sins:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against Your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and

we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and so we are helpless without You. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders, spare us, as we confess our faults, restore us, as we are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and devout life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

God's Promise of Forgiveness (Romans 5:8):

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Response of Thanksgiving (Psalm 118:1-3):

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever."

Heidelberg Catechism: Q/A #1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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: Psalm 84
New Testament Reading: Revelation 21:1-4

Message:

“Longing for the Lord’s Temple” Pastor Saville
(This message is available on the church website or on CD)

Prayer of Intercession

At this time it would be appropriate to pray for some of the following:

1. Pray for the COVID-19 Pandemic:
 - for those suffering from the virus.
 - for the medical workers treading the virus.
 - for the leaders in the U.S. and other nations who are making decisions about handling the spread of the virus.
 - that the Lord would bring this pandemic to an end.
 - for those whose livelihoods are being affected.
 - that we would not fear but trust the Lord.
 - that God would be glorified and that good would come because of the virus.
2. Pray for the preaching of the gospel and the gathering of Christ’s Church from all the nations.
3. Pray for the persecuted church
4. Pray for our national, state, and local leaders
5. Pray for our local community
 - for East Palmyra Christian School (principle, teachers, families) as they cope with the challenges of COVID-19.
 - for families in our community that are being affected.
6. Pray for the needs of our congregation:
 - for wisdom for the Church Council.

- for faithful preaching of the gospel of Christ and ministry to our community.
- for those in need among us

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.

March 22 Offering Schedule:

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

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