

East Palmyra Christian Reformed Church
Lord's Day Devotions
May 10, 2020

Psalm 124:8:

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

Scripture of Praise (Read Psalm 147:12-20):

(Song: "Psalm 99" #726 in the red hymnal and #194 in the blue Psalter-Hymnal)

Prayer for God's Blessing:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 (1 Timothy 1:15):

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Psalm of Thanksgiving (Read Psalm 117)

God's Will for Our Lives (Read Matthew 5:3-12)

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #13, Question 34

Why do you call him "our Lord"?

Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

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:

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| Old Testament Reading: | Psalm 26 |
| New Testament Reading: | 1 John 4:13-21 |
| | 1 Peter 1:8-9 |

Message:

"The Christian's Love for Jesus Christ" Pastor Michael Saville
(This message is available on the church website, our Facebook page, or on CD.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

1. Thanksgiving to God for the gospel of his Son, Jesus Christ.
2. Thanksgiving to God for his Word which is a lamp unto our feet.
3. Thanksgiving to God for his mercies which are new every morning.

4. Pray for the COVID-19 Pandemic:
 - that people would recognize the hand of God in what we are now experiencing.
 - for those suffering because of the virus.
 - for the leaders in the U.S. and other nations who are making difficult decisions about how best to handle the situation.
 - 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 congregations like our own would soon be able to meet again safely.

5. Pray for the preaching of the gospel and the gathering of the church from among all nations.

6. Pray for the persecuted church in nations like North Korea and Nigeria.

7. Pray for our national, state, and local leaders.

8. 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 families who have lost jobs and are being affected in other ways.
 - for other local congregations as they seek to do the Lord's work in these challenging times.
 - for the Family Promise ministry.

9. Pray for the needs of our congregation:
(Please see the Congregational Prayers in the announcements section)

10. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Closing Psalm (Read Psalm 8)

(Song: "LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name" #501 in the red hymnal or #13 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.

May 10 Offering Schedule:

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

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