

East Palmyra Christian Reformed Church
Lord's Day Devotions
May 31, 2020

Psalm 124:8:

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

Scripture of Praise (Read Acts 2:1-4):

(Song: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #747 in the red hymnal and #391 in the blue Psalter-Hymnal)

Prayer for God's Blessing:

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

God's Promise of Forgiveness (Titus 3:4-7):

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the

Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Psalm of Thanksgiving (Read Psalm 138)

God's Will for Our Lives (Exodus 20:1-17)

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #21, Question 54

Q. What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

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:

Joel 2:28-34

New Testament Reading:

Acts 2:5-21

John 15:26-27, 16:12-14

Message:

"The Holy Spirit Points Believers to 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 for the gift of the Holy Spirit who points us to the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Thanksgiving to God for providing for our daily needs.
3. Pray for the preaching of the gospel and the gathering of the church from among all nations including here in the United States.
4. Pray for the persecuted church.
5. Pray for our national, state, and local leaders. Pray for godliness and wisdom in this nation.
6. Pray for the COVID-19 Pandemic:
 - that God's perfect will should be done.
 - 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.
 - pray for those Christian churches that are now considering how and when they will begin to have services again.
7. 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.
 - for Care Net of Wayne County.
8. Pray for the needs of our congregation:
(Please see the Congregational Prayers in the announcements section)

9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Closing Psalm (Read Psalm 92)

(Song: "The Church's One Foundation" #251 in the red hymnal or #398 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 31 Offering Schedule:

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

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