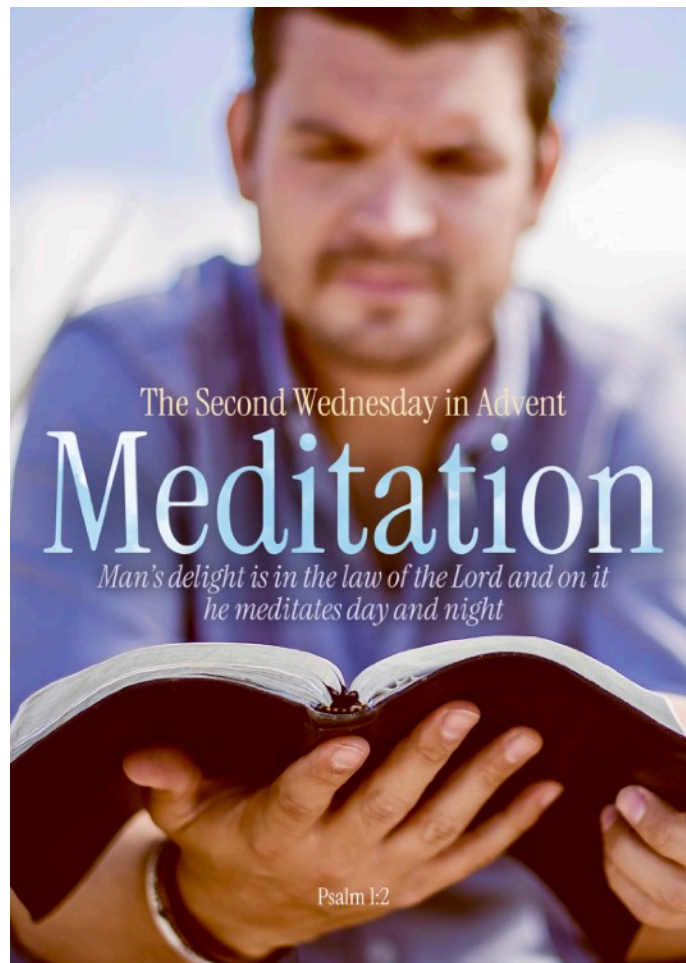


Meditatio - Meditation



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Midweek Advent Services

Prayer, Meditation, and Affliction: The Life of the Christian

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 288 "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

Lord, help us ever to retain The Catechism's doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of Truth In simple style to tender youth.

Help us Thy holy Law to learn, To mourn our sin, and from it turn
In faith to Thee and to Thy Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Hear us, dear Father, when we pray For needed help from day to day
That as Thy children we may live, Whom Thou in Baptism didst receive.

Lord, when we fall and sin doth stain, Absolve and lift us up again;
And through the Sacrament increase Our faith till we depart in peace. Amen.

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.

Introit (P: Pastor C: Congregation) *Psalm 1*

P: Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**C: nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**C: He is like a tree
planted by streams of water**

P: that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

C: In all that he does, he prospers.

P: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**C: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

P: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Reading – Psalm 119:1-32

Aleph

- ¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
² Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,
³ who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
⁵ Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your
commandments.
⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.
⁸ I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!

Beth

- ⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
¹² Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes!
¹³ With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.
¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.
¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

Gimel

- ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.
¹⁹ I am a sojourner on the earth;
hide not your commandments from me!
²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing
for your rules at all times.
²¹ You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments.
²² Take away from me scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your testimonies.
²³ Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.
²⁴ Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.

Daleth

- ²⁵ My soul clings to the dust;
give me life according to your word!
²⁶ When I told of my ways, you answered me;
teach me your statutes!
²⁷ Make me understand the way of your
precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
²⁸ My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!
²⁹ Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!
³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your rules before me.
³¹ I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;
let me not be put to shame!
³² I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Sermon Hymn TLH 261 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow’r make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life. Amen.**

The Sermon

Offertory Hymn TLH 644 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**△ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Magnificat

P: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

**C: for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from this day all generations
will call me blessed.**

**P: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those
who fear Him from generation to generation.**

**C: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their
hearts.**

P: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

C: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

**P: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to
Abraham and to his seed forever.**

**C: 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.**

Prayers

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us. C: Christ, have mercy upon us. P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit.

Collects

The Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Benediction

Closing Hymn TLH 285 "How Precious is the Book Divine"

How precious is the Book Divine, By inspiration giv'n!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.

It's light, descending from above Our gloomy world to cheer,
Displays a Savior's boundless love And brings His glories near.

It shows to man his wand'ring ways And where his feet have trod,
And brings to view the matchless grace Of a forgiving God.

O'er all the straight and narrow way Its radiant beams are cast;
A light whose never weary ray Grows brightest at the last.

It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts In this dark vale of tears.
Life, light, and joy it still imparts And quells our rising fears.

This lamp through all the tedious night Of life shall guide our way
Till we behold the clearer light Of an eternal day. Amen.

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