

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Messiah Lutheran Church, Valdosta, Georgia

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Your Word is a
Lamp for my feet
& a light
to my path.

PSALM 119:105

PRAISE to the LORD, the ALMIGHTY

Verse 1

***Praise to the Lord,
the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and sal-va-tion!
Let all who hear
Now to His tem-ple draw near,
Join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!***

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us now confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinners who have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with all our heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your wrath and punishment. Yet for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask you to have mercy on us; to forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I therefore convey to you God's full forgiveness of all your sins in the

name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PRAISE to the LORD, the ALMIGHTY

Verse 5

Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me a-dore Him!

All that has life and breath,

come now with praises be-fore Him!

Let the A-men Sound from His people a-gain;

Glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore Him!

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P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

C: He was, he is, and he is to come.

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: He created all things. By his will they came to be.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

P: By his blood he purchased for God

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

P: Christ made of them a kingdom

C: and priests to serve our God.

P: And they reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and

born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PSALM 119: 105-112 (ESV)

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.

¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word!

¹⁰⁸Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules.

¹⁰⁹I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹²I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL:

JOHN 17:14-21 (ESV)

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THY WORD

Chorus

***Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet
and a light un-to my path.***

***Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet
and a light un-to my path.***

Verse 1

***When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right be-side me.***

Noth-ing will I fear as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end. *Chorus*

Verse 2

***I will not for-get Your love for me, and yet
my heart for-ev-er is wan-der-ing.***

Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

I will love You to the end. Chorus

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SERMON

The Prayer of the Church

P: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

Refrain

Leader: *Lis-ten,*

***ALL: lis-ten, God is call-ing
Through the Word in-vit-ing,
Of-fer-ing for-give-ness, Com-fort and joy.***

Verse 1

Leader: *Je-sus gave His man-date;*

ALL: Share the good news

Leader: *That He came to save us_____*

ALL: And set us free. Refrain.

Verse 2

Leader: *Let none be for-got-ten*

ALL: Through-out the world.

Leader: *In the tri-une name of God*

ALL: Go and bap-tize. Refrain.

Verse 3

Leader: *Help us to be faith-ful,*

ALL: Stand-ing stead-fast,

Leader: *Walk-ing in Your pre-cepts,___*

ALL: Led by your Word. Refrain.

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P: Go forth to spread near and far the love of Christ our Lord!

C: Amen! We go forth in the name of the Lord. Amen!

In Our Prayers

"Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our afflictions." (2 Cor. 1:3-4a)

Those who serve and protect us:

Greg Bohnhoff has an assignment in September to an Air Force Base in Mississippi.

Prayers for:

Greg Bohnhoff's brother and sister-in-law's daughter who has been diagnosed with **Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD)**; currently hospitalized CPS custody until a facility that treats RAD becomes available; awaiting trial for false allegations made against the mother; the family need our prayers that everyone stays safe and that the judge will make the best decision for their daughter and family

For family and friends of Donna Johnson (friend/co-worker of Kay Vincent) who passed away recently from Covid-19, leaving her spouse and two daughters

Praise and Thanks:

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

Ongoing Prayers:

- Angel Bines - treated for cancer (niece of Judy and Don Dewitt)
- Thomas and Zoy Brown, pregnant with their first child after several miscarriages in the past 4-5 years, praying for a smooth pregnancy and a healthy baby (Tabitha Bohnhoff's brother)
- Hobe Hodge - continues to improve; both primary care and cardiologist pleased with his continued progress as he continues his daily exercise regimen
- Gianna Intintoli, 12, granddaughter of Don Brugel, suffering from autoimmune reaction to immunization; homebound currently, but making some significant improvement, however, has a very long way to go
- Patti Stone (daughter of Pat Simpson) as she battles cancer
- Kathy Stubbs (Joe Mitchell's sister) in treatment for cancer
- Martha, Barbara Ward's youngest daughter who has recently tested positive for Covid19.

Nursing Home/Homebound:

- Mildred Evans - Assisted Living (c/o The Canopy; 6002 N. Oak St. Ext. Room 137; Valdosta, GA 31602)
- Pernell Jones - resting at home: currently at residing at her daughter's home (c/o Alison Sumner; 809 Millpond Rd.; Valdosta, GA 31602)
- Steven Keller - Ongoing health issues
- Mary Kinchen - she fell and broke her knee and is currently in rehab; more surgery is pending
- Pat Simpson - Homebound
- Fran Sparks - Homebound
- Don Sullens - Ongoing health concerns related to leukemia.

