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PRAY-
Lifting Up
Holy Hands

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, September 18

Genesis 15 1 Timothy 1:1-20

Monday, September 19

Genesis 16 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Tuesday, September 20

Genesis 17 1 Timothy 3:1-16

Wednesday, September 21

Genesis 18 1 Timothy 4:1-16

Thursday, September 22

Genesis 19 1 Timothy 5:1-16

Friday, September 23

Genesis 20 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2

Saturday, September 24

Genesis 21 1 Timothy 6:3-21

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Come, My Soul, with Every Care

(LSB 779)

- 1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.
- 2 Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ever ask too much.
- 3 With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.
- 6 Show me what is mine to do; Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,**

and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast (p 155)

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 58:12 (ESV)

And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8 (NIV)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior,⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.⁸ Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:13-15 (NIV)

¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and

money.” ¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day O Lord, Hear My Prayer (LSB 780)

1 O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

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Message – Rebuild the Foundations- PRAY – Lifting Up Holy Hands

Prayers of the Church (We LIFT up our hands to God)

Lord’s Prayer

**C 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn *In Holy Conversation* (LSB 772)

- 1 In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.
- 2 These holy conversations Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens To ev’ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.
- 3 As holy conversation, In silence or by word,
In ev’ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.

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Benediction

- 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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Announcements

Offering as you exit – (boxes are located near the exits or give online at ehlc.org)

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Rebuild the Foundations (week 2)

PRAY – Lifting Up Holy Hands

This is the second Sunday of “Rebuild the Foundations” series. Last week, Pr. Steve introduced the theme from Isaiah 58:12. He told us Jesus is the one to repair and raise up the foundations, and baptism joined you to Jesus in his work, where he guides us by His Word, feeds us with His Holy Supper, and moves and directs us by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we have hope.

And last week, Pr. Steve described the condition of our building and parking lot. You may think, “Now Pr. Chuck is going to hit us up for money to make repairs.”

And you would be wrong. Why? First, I am not the person to ask you. Second, some of you don’t have any money, and that is perfectly fine. Third, some of you are on the lifelong journey of managing your money, time, and another financial issue - well, just no. Last, some of you are mature in your generosity and don’t need to be asked. But I am here today to ask you to do something else.

The Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa, is a Roman Catholic order of sisters. Their vocation is to love and serve the poorest of the poor. These sisters live a life of poverty - to know what it is to be poor, as Mother Teresa said, in the “insecurity of God’s providence.” They trust God to provide everything. They give their life and love away to others and trust God to give them what they need to do so. My daughter Heidi told me about an acquaintance's experience with the Missionaries of Charity in Brooklyn, NY. This young woman went to Brooklyn and worked with the sisters, discerning if God was calling her to join them.

While there, she helped the sisters put on a summer youth program, which included a daily snack. One day, the young woman learned they had nothing, no snacks for the youth.

The young woman went to the lead sister in charge and said, “We have no snacks for the youth.” The sister replied, “God will provide.” And here the young woman got kinda stuck for a moment. How will God provide? All she saw was a bare cupboard. Then she remembered she had some money. The sisters didn’t have any money, but she had some money.

What did Jesus say about money? “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted

to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Luke 16:13)

It is natural to think, “Great, she will give some money. Problem solved!” But does money solve the problem? What is the real problem? So, the young woman said to the lead sister, “I have some money. I can go to the local store and buy some snacks for today.” The lead sister heard her offer and said, “No, God will provide.”

Did the lead sister know something she wasn’t telling the young women? Apparently not, because she would have said so. The lead sister lived in the uncertainty of God’s providence. And the young woman was to live like the sisters lived. Meaning her money was inappropriate. Money stood in the way of devotion to God, faith in God to provide in a way unseen. The young woman’s money stood in the way of faith.

Does money stand in the way of your faith in God? Do you focus on money instead of God? Jesus gave himself as a ransom for all people - a ransom beyond riches to join you to him. Jesus has ransomed you by his blood shed on the cross. Baptism joins you to Jesus, forgives your sin, and calls you to his mission. Jesus feeds and strengthens you for the mission work in Holy Communion.

The active component of the mission work is faith in Jesus. Jesus shall raise up the foundations of many generations; Jesus shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. All glory be to Jesus!

Now, to strengthen your faith, you exercise your faith in prayer. Prayer exercises faith to strengthen faith - “faith the substance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)

The lead sister knew something the young woman would grow to know. These sisters get up early every morning to pray and receive the body and blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. Every morning for ninety minutes. Mother Teresa said her greatest secret was prayer. Every day. Ninety minutes with Holy Communion. She and the sisters were called to full and utter dependance on God for everything. So are you - whatever your vocation.

Don’t let money stand in the way. Don’t let money be the obstacle to faith. In prayer, put money where it belongs - in God’s hands to give and provide as he wills. Don’t focus on money; focus on God. You may offer money if God moves you, only after you have prayed. Now for the “something else” I mentioned earlier. Like Paul’s letter to Timothy, “Therefore I want people everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands.”

Some of you will object, “We are Lutherans, we don’t lift our hands. We fold them. We fold them in prayer.” The Bible makes a case to lift up your hands, Psalm 134:2 “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.” An up lifted empty hand is a wordless expression of need. We join it to reverent prayer for God to fill our hands, our hearts, our souls, our minds, and fulfill our needs. Prayer is the means of faith, the way to strengthen faith, to grow the substance of hope for things unseen.

This is how - arms at your side, bend your elbows so your empty hands are straight out in front of you, palms up.

As we join today in the Prayers of the Church and for the next thirty-six months, I invite you to lift up your hands in prayer. Show our emptiness - our need for Jesus to raise up the foundations of faith, for Jesus to strengthen our faith. I invite everyone to do this together as a simple sign of unity of need during the Rebuild the Foundations initiative.

Jesus gave himself as a ransom for all people; therefore, you can confidently pray, lifting up holy hands. Ask God to provide.

So as the young woman stood there, another sister came in and said to the lead sister, “Excuse me. There is a man at the door. He wants to talk to you. The refrigerator on his ice cream truck broke down. He wants to know if we can use all the ice cream on his truck.” God provides. God provided.

God is the sole source to whom we can go to in prayer with great confidence - lifting holy hands in faith and trust for all the needs of our life and the life of the church. Ask Jesus for your needs. Ask Jesus for the needs of the church. Ask Jesus to provide the money needed for his plan to rebuild the church. And more so to strengthen our faith to reach the next generation. Amen

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Leaders in Worship

Pastor Steve Benson, Pastor Chuck Fenton
DCE Bradley Asmus

8:30 Music: Mark Krause

11:00 Music: Josiah Bode and the Band

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Hospitalized/Transitional Care

Requests

Arnie Carlson, Curtis Meister, Diane Wiese, Bill Lanigan, William Ewalt,
Jim Emmons, Donna Ewalt, Joye Weaver, Dale Burbach, Patty Brusten,
Monica Adams, Janet Hanson, Janice Kernal, Phyllis Boettcher, Bev Davis
Ame Fink, Judy Holmes, Kathy Dewitt, Elsa Richardson, Sandi Tapp
Lois McArdeLL, Dave and Kathy Hildenbrand, Holly Norbeck, Bob Hayes
Monica La'Fonde, Sandy Wilke, Caroline Pankonin, Dick Hoiium,
Jason Pedro

Requests (Beyond our church family)

Nicole (Rosanna Wunrow's Granddaughter), Sandy (Nancy Emmon's sister),
Susan (Joye Weaver's daughter), Joe (Jim Messick's friend),
Kattie (Joe Linton's great niece), Family of Monica La'Fonde
Mary (Dana Mjølnes' friend), Kari (Jim Messick's daughter)
James (Brother of Mark Krause), Michael (Joyce Cropsey's nephew),
Nicole (Ardys Tallarico's granddaughter), Dan (Val Gebhard's son),
Barbara (Annabella's Friend), Jay (Bob Benitz's nephew)
April/family (Donna Ewalt's Sister), Tom (Janice Kernal's friend)
Kris (Friend of Bev Davis), Alan (Son of Pat Lemke),
TJ (Lori Schulze's nephew), Mariah (Frannie's Granddaughter)
Josh, Leah and children (Rick & Kathy Urban's family),
Nancy (Annabella's family member), Jody (Susan Moore's Family)
Steve (Val Gebhard's friend), John (Angela Rodriguez's dad),
Peter (MaryJo Carlson's brother), Rev. Don (Friend of Pastor Steve),
Ronnie (VBS and MaryEllen's friend)

Our Prayers: For God's Comfort

Thanksgiving

Home-bound and Care Center Residents

Armin Bartz

Missionary of the Week

Fung, Kalia, and Mercy Lo



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- 3) You will hear music until the service begins
- 4) When done, simply hang up.



Open Arms is looking for Prayer Sponsors



We are looking for **14 more Prayer Sponsors** for this school year. Please contact MaryEllen Wunrow at maryellen@ehlc.org or 651-735-4202 ext 1 with any questions or if you wish to be a prayer sponsor this year.

Fellowship Gathering



Mark your calendar Mystery Revealed
Thursday, September 29, 12:30 PM
Smoked/bbq/pulled chicken sandwich
cost \$10

Sign up by Monday September 26, at the information desk.

contact Geneva 651-260-4844

Senior Commander Curt Hallstrom from St. Paul Police
Question and answers on what is happening.
Reservations and required

Read a chapter a day with Pastor Steve, currently at Genesis Chapter 15. For those who are on Facebook, I post a daily reminder about the chapter for that day.

Feel free to send me a friend request – Steven Mark Benson

Bake Sale to Support Rosen and Oksana Klepel

Missionaries in Ukraine

WE ARE EXPECTING IT'S A MIRACLE FROM GOD!



Sunday October 2nd after each
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