

Daily Devotions

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TO COME

SYNOD CONVENTION 2019

July 30, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Andrew Schwartz
Christ the King, Bremerton, Wash.

HYMN *Stanzas 1-3. (4-5 at the end.) See page 3.*

Lord, You Call Us as Your People

RESPONSES

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;

in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Psalm 5:3

We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,

but because of your great mercy.

Daniel 9:18

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalm 90:17

Let me live that I may praise you,

and may your laws sustain me.

Psalm 119:175

MESSAGE

Acts 8:1b-8

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.

Amen.



1 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, out of
 2 Lord, you call us as dis - ci - ples, walk - ing
 3 Lord, you send us to the har - vest in your
 4 Lord, you call us to new ven - tures by a
 5 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple; now in



dark - ness in - to light. You cre - at - ed and re -
 on your pil - grim way. Cru - ci - fied and ris - en
 Great Com - mis - sion's call, reach - ing out to all the
 path - way yet un - known. Though we can - not see the
 faith we sing your praise; Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



deemed us, made us pre - cious in your sight. Give us
 Sav - ior, you are with us ev - 'ry day. Give us
 na - tions, bring - ing life and hope to all. Give us
 end - ing, we will fol - low you a - lone, know - ing
 Spir - it, al - le - lu - ias to you raise. Hold us



faith to trust you bold - ly and to love you stead - fast - ly.
 wis - dom, give us cour - age as you teach us pa - tient - ly.
 bold - ness and com - pas - sion, bless us with your eyes to see.
 that your hand is guid - ing and you love us faith - ful - ly.
 in your gra - cious pow - er, bless - ed Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,



By your Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.
 By your Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.
 By your Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.
 By your Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.
 that re - joic - ing we will ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.

July 31, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Benjamin Kratz

Our Savior, Birmingham, Ala.

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

we lie and do not live by the truth.

If we claim to be without sin,

we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:5-8

Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

Silence for personal examination and confession.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1:9

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve (CWS 770)



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On
4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -
truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
roads they'd nev - er trod To
mar - tyrs' strength and song, The

sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To

ven - tures bold and new: Grant
 ways of God re - vealed: In -
 near - er reign of God: Send
 whom the saints be - long: Though

us to hear your call To
 struct us now, we pray, By
 us on ways where faith Tran -
 gen - er - a - tions pass, Our

risk se - cur - i - ty And,
 your em - pow'ring Word.
 scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 trib - ute still we bring, Our

bound in heart and will to you, Find
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our

per - fect lib - er - ty.
 light, their life, their Lord.
 life and min - is - try.
 lives an of - fer - ing.

MESSAGE

Revelation 3:1-6

PRAYER

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

2 John 3

Amen.

Hymn to Celebrate Fellowship

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (CW 531)

Wednesday morning. Stanzas 1 & 4.



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful All the gifts
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon -



and cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
of hosts, and stay; Come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
they ask to gain, What they gain from you for - ev - er
or to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one, Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear your peo - ple as they pray, And your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
Ev - er Three and ev - er One, One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Speak with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY (87 87 87) Henry Purcell, 1659-95, adapt.

August 1, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Daniel Heiderich

Good News, Lehi, Utah

HYMN

Christ Alone the World's Redeemer

1 Christ a - lone the world's Re - deem - er, Christ, God's own be -
2 Word a - lone, in - spired and ho - ly, Word re - veal - ing
3 Grace a - lone, and not our work - ing, brings sal - va - tion
4 Faith a - lone from God the Spir - it can God's gra - cious

got - ten Son, Christ, the sac - ri - fice for sin - ners, by his
Christ our Lord, liv - ing, ac - tive voice of Je - sus, sharp - er
un - to all. Grace a - lone! Your gifts you give us as we
gift re - ceive; not by hu - man works or ef - fort, God is

death sal - va - tion won. Christ a - lone our me - di - a - tor,
than a two - edged sword, Word to teach and to ad - mon - ish,
hear your gen - tle call. Un - i - mag - ined love - ex - chang - ing
call - ing to be - lieve. Faith is liv - ing, bus - y, ac - tive,

Christ a - lone our great high priest, in his right - eous -
 Word to com - fort and to heal— God's own Word en -
 all our sin for right - eous - ness, grace on grace through
 ev - er seek - ing ways to care, in the least, the

ness he clothes us. Christ a - lone is our true peace.
 dures for - ev - er all his coun - sel to re - veal.
 Christ re - ceiv - ing, clothed in his own ho - li - ness.
 lost, the need - y, seek - ing Je - sus ev - 'ry - where.

5 Unto God be praise and glory,
 to the Father, and the Son,
 and to God the Holy Spirit;
 glory to the Three in One.
 Hymned by saints of earth and heaven
 and by angels at his throne,
 all creation joins to praise him:
 glory be to God alone!

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,

for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalm 119:97-99,103

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. *2 Timothy 3:16,17*

MESSAGE

Acts 8:26-35

That Someone is Someone

PRAYER

(M:) Lord and Savior, you have purchased us to be your own for all eternity. You have given purpose to our time in this life by making us your witnesses to lost sinners. We thank you for the high privilege of working with you to gather your elect into your kingdom.

As you looked with compassion on the lost sheep of Israel, grant that your Holy Spirit may move us to look with compassion on the lost of our day. Fill us with zeal to do all that we can to bring them the precious gospel, so that they too may experience the joy of being your disciples. Enable us to be faithful witnesses to all whose lives we touch, whether it be in the privacy of our homes or in our communities.

We thank you for missionaries and their families who are willing to live and work in distant lands. Keep them from harm of body and soul, and give them joy in their difficult assignments. Above all, we ask you to bring those who hear the Word to repentance and faith.

Look with compassion on all people, especially those who are suffering. Give help and relief to all who are in need.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Although we have failed you again and again, we have learned to know you as a patient and merciful God. We ask you, therefore, to forgive us for the many times we have failed to share the message of your love with those who need it most. Renew us, restore us, and use us to proclaim your love by Word and deed to all people near and far. May many more rejoice with us, and we with them, when together we stand before your throne of glory. We ask this in your most holy name.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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