



The Lord's Day | November 21, 2021
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Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

All: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn and Song of Adoration

Immortal, Invisible

Hymn 38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Maker of all heav'n and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of matchless worth;
by the Spirit was conceived of the virgin Mary born,
he in whom I have believed: God Almighty Three in One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, for me he died;
laid with-in the grave so silent, gates of hell he opened wide;
for the stone-sealed tomb was empty; on the third day he arose;
into heaven made his entry, mighty conqu'ror of his foes.

At God's right hand he is seated till his coming, as he said;
final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead;
I confess the Holy Spirit who was sent through Christ the Son
to apply salvation's merit God, the Spirit, Three in One.
I believe the church of Jesus, universal, e'er remains;
we are one through all the ages, in communion of the saints.
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised
to eternal life in heaven ever let his name be praised.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 67-69

Leader: Which is the sixth commandment?

All: The sixth commandment is: You shall not murder.

Leader: What is required in the sixth commandment?

All: The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life and the life of others.

Leader: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

All: The sixth commandment forbids us to take our own life or to take unjustly the life of our neighbor, or anything tending to these ends.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song Assurance

Jesus Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

Chorus For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him. *Chorus*

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. *Chorus*

New Members

Stephen and Stephanie Whicker

Church Life Announcements

Prayer for Offering

Doxology (with Alleluias)

Hymn 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer

Ken Langley

Scripture Reading

II Thessalonians 3:1-18

¹ Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. ¹⁴ If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵ Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother. ¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. ¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Sermon

"The Basics"

Doug Domin

Hymn of Rejoicing

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn 598

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill: blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us
still; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

Benediction

Postlude

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Sermon Questions for November 21, 2021
Living in the Last Days - “The Basics”
II Thessalonians 3:1-18

1. Paul comes to the close of these 2 letters and he begins chapter 3 saying, “Finally...”. He had some last things to say, some important matters to still address. Is there someone in your life who God is nudging you to share some important spiritual truths? If you were to never have contact again with this person are there spiritual truths you believe you need to share?
2. Prayer is never far from Paul’s mind and heart. In verse 1, Paul is personal in requesting prayer. When was the last time you asked someone to pray for you? Do you have people who you give and receive prayer requests from? Are some of those requests similar to Paul’s requests?
3. The spread of the “word of the Lord” was Paul’s priority. What is important about this use of the “word of the Lord” in Scripture? Paul was determined to evangelize. Do you share that passion? How has God used you to be a witness?
4. Paul, as a missionary, realized he needed the prayers of the church for spiritual fruit to occur and for the preaching and teaching of God’s Word to be successful. What was he specifically praying for in regards to God’s Word? What was Paul appealing to? Hint: he wanted others to experience what happens when God’s word is honored. What is that experience like? Any thoughts? Why is the attitude of honoring God’s Word important for spiritual growth?
5. The theme of spiritual warfare is again brought up. What do you find in verses 1-5? Paul assures them that God will guard them against Satan. Why would the church need this encouragement and assurance? What did we learn last week from 2 Thessalonians 2 and the “Man of Lawlessness”? What evil do you believe you need protection from?
6. Paul closes with the need to experience the “love of God”? When was the last time God’s love impacted you?