



THE PROCLAIMER

IMAGINE FORE JUST A MOMENT. . . .

What do you suppose the throne room of God looks like? Is it a run-of-the-mill place? Is it a place that will be uninspiring to you and others when you see it? Will it be one that will encourage you to say, “Lord, you’re kinda falling behind the times. You could sure use a coat or two of paint here?”

I have served in many places. I’ve seen some places where the carpet was torn badly down the main aisle—for three years! One wedding in that final year brought the problem to light, so to speak. The carpet caught on fire when a candelabra fell and the carpet caught fire. Thankfully, one fireman sitting nearby scooped it up and ran it out and the other seated nearby put the fire out. The carpet was replaced not long after that, and the sanctuary updated as well.

One thing worship should spark in every heart is a sense of “awe and wonder.” Worship should be far more than, “Well, Bill, we’ll just throw a lick of paint on it, and that should do it.” I don’t know about you, but I don’t see God as having that attitude towards worship.

Worship is several things. First and foremost, it is “worth ship”—and it is a two-way street. God gives US worth in Jesus Christ, both welcoming us into His presence, and giving us worth because of the blood of Jesus. Because of that, we are bound to give him, as Luther said so well, “Thanks and praise serve and obey Him.” We come empty-handed expect for the faith the Holy Spirit sparks in us at Baptism. As we realize what He has done for us, we worship, our response is that of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving has certainly taken on a different aura this year. Last year, each of you celebrated with family and friends as you gave thanks to God for all of His blessings given both personally and as a congregation. Sitting at the Thanksgiving table in that moment, no one—and I mean no one—could have imagined what a wild ride 2020 would turn into. Pandemic. Churches and businesses closed. Layoffs. Stimulus checks. To think the first recorded case happened right here in Everett at Providence Hospital.

It is hard to give thanks under these circumstances, isn’t it? And yet we forget history. The pilgrims of Plymouth, MA., lost 45 of 102 settlers. A good reason that happened is the ship they were set to sail on earlier was sabotaged by the crew of the ship, who did not want to sail. Their late arrival made that first winter a difficult one.

The Christian life is not always easy. Yet we have a God who makes 5 promises to us in Isaiah 41:10. Maybe you have heard them before—maybe not. Each of the promises is in bold:

Fear not, for I am with you;

Be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you; I will help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

The first promise God gives us in this verse is that He is there with us. During this year, with all

FROM OUR PASTOR (continued)

The things that “seemed” to go wrong, in all those upside-down, topsy turvy moments that you experienced, God was right there with you. Jesus reaffirmed that promise by saying, “Behold, I am with you always” (Mt.28:20).

The second promise God gives us for turbulent times like these is, “Be not dismayed for I am your God.” That means that when we can’t see the end of a thing, or sometimes don’t know what to do, His promise is God is there helping and guiding us.

The third promise is, “I will strengthen you.” Times like these almost paralyze us. We seem to have no strength to go forward. God offers us His strength for our weakness (Cor.12:9-12). In so doing, He keeps the fourth promise, “I will help you.”

The final promise for uncertain times like these is “I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” When there is no will left to stand, no will to face the problem confronting us, this is where God meets us with the final promise.

Wherever you find yourself right now, I encourage you to reflect on these promises of God. If God would have His Son die for you on the cross, you really think He’s going to stop caring about you?—
Pastor Anderson

Heartfelt Condolences to Lonnie and Donna Hendrix as Lonnie’s father and long-time member of GLC, Hal Hendrix, went to be with His Lord and eternal reward
October 26,2020.

“Your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

Carol Davis 21
Jean McNeil 24

November Birthdays



From Our LWML. . . .

LWML sets aside a Sunday in October for LWML Sunday.

Most of you have seen the displays of quilts along the pews in past years as we celebrated the women and mission of LWML.

This year, we did not have a specific Sunday for LWML, but Carol Davis and Marilee Ryan continued to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Pictured below are this year's projects. Fourteen quilts were completed. They were boxed up and delivered to First Lutheran Church in Bethel for shipping last month.

Thank you for your continued mite donations in support of LWML Missions around the world.

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Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. (Proverbs 4:25)

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Remembering in Our Prayers:

Mike Malloy, recovering from stroke

Family and Friends of Hal Hendrix, who went to be with Jesus Oct. 26

Rose Mino, health concerns
Forest Van Duyn, health concerns

Kim Bayley, battling cancer

Health Care Workers

First Responders

All Government leaders

*"Pray without ceasing." 1
Thessalonians 5:16*

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – November 2020

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, His death for our sins, and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water – combined with His Word, promise, and Name – the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And, being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity, and everything that is His – righteousness, peace, eternal life – also belongs also to us. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as a sacrifice.

Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him. We eat to nourish our bodies. We share with our family, neighbors, fellow Christians, the poor, and even our enemies as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and they bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us. He pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but, giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all – even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.



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