



**March 29, 2020
Lord's Day Worship
10:45 a.m.**

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Stand, if able, in places marked with †

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Michael

Announcements

Meditation

~MARTIN LUTHER ON WHAT TO DO WHEN FACING A COMMUNITY HEALTH CRISIS:

"Very well, by God's decree, the enemy has sent us poison and deadly offal. Therefore, I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person, but will go freely."

†Hymn of Praise [TH, 598]

[Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah](#)

*1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

*3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.*

*2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

†Old Testament Reading

Psalm 61:1-8

†Singing Psalms [TH, 630; Psalter, p.78]

Psalm 90

Psalm 90 contrasts God's eternity and human mortality. It is a moving prayer of Moses for God's blessing on the members of a generation doomed to wander in the wilderness, as well as on their children.

When we have a perspective on God's eternity, it enables us "to count our days" and seek the LORD as "our dwelling place."

As we sing, let us "set our heart on wisdom's ways," trusting in the LORD who is gracious to establish our handiwork for Him.

Psalm 90, to the tune of “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*1 LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling place
Through all the ages of our race.*

*2 Before the mountains had their birth,
Or ever Thou hadst formed the earth.
From years which no beginning had
To years unending, Thou art God.*

*10 For some life's years are seventy;
Perhaps the strong may eighty see;
Their best involves but toil and woe;
All quickly ends. How soon we go!*

*11 Who has Thine anger understood?
Who fears Thy fury as he should?*

*12 O teach Thou us to count our days
And set our hearts on wisdom's ways.*

*13 How long, O LORD? Return! Repent,
And toward Thy servants now relent.*

*14 Each morning fill us with Thy grace;
We'll sing for joy through all our days.*

*17 On us let there be shed abroad
The beauty of the LORD our God.*

*Our handiwork upon us be
Established evermore by Thee.*

*Yes, let our handiwork now be
Established evermore by Thee.*

Pastoral Prayer

Confession of Faith

[Heidelberg Catechism](#), Question 114

Q114. But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly?

A. No.

In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience.¹

Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God's commandments.²

1. Eccles. 7:20; Rom. 7:14-15; 1 Cor. 13:9; 1 John 1:8-10;

2. Ps. 1:1-2; Rom. 7:22-25; Phil. 3:12-16

†Scripture Teaching

1 Peter 4:7-11

Title: "The Church Must Be the Oasis From Suffering"

Text: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Theme: The final stage of redemption has come near. As the transition from mortality to immortality occurs, the Church is the oasis as we undergo the trials, temptations, and persecutions during this transition. As imperfect as she is, the oasis from the pain and the sorrow in this life must be the Church.

I. The Grand _____ for How We Are to Live (7a)

II. The _____ Arising From This Grand Motivation (7b-11a)

A. Clear _____ for _____ (7b)

B. _____ Each Other _____ (8)

C. Practicing _____ (9)

D. _____ Each Other with Your _____ (10-11a)

III. The Grand _____ for How We Live (11b)

IV. Applications

A. The goal of God's Kingdom coming to earth is still the great _____ that puts everything into _____ in your life.

B. When the Church is _____ and _____ among itself, it _____ being an oasis.

C. You _____ to the rich and pleasant atmosphere within the Christian community when your eyes are _____ on the goal.

†Hymn of Response [TH, 561]

[Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak](#)

*1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.*

*3 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word
your love to tell, your praise to show.*

*2 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things you do impart;
and wing my words, that they may
reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.*

*4 O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will and when and where;
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

†Benediction

Pastor Michael

Next Week Read: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. **What does Peter say has arrived (is “at hand”)(v. 7a)? What does this mean?**
2. **What is the first important behavior that should result from this that has arrived (v. 7b)? What are the two words used to describe this behavior? What do these two words mean? Why are we to exhibit this behavior?**
3. **What is to be done “above all” (v. 8a)? How often are we to do this? How are we to do this? What is the reason we are to do this (v. 8b)?**
4. **What does it mean that “love covers a multitude of sins” (v. 8b)? What does it not mean?**
5. **What are Christians to practice toward one another (v. 9a)? How are they to go about this (v. 9b)?**
6. **What has every Christian received to use (v. 10a)? What are Christians to do with this (v. 10b)? Why (v. 10c)?**
7. **What are the two categories of using one’s gifts that Peter identifies (v. 11)? How is one to use the gift of speaking (v. 11a)? How is one to go about serving (v. 11b)**
8. **What is the great and grand purpose for all these actions and behaviors that God’s people do and show for one another (v. 11c)?**
9. **How does Peter sum up his inspired instruction in this section (v. 11d)?**
10. **Who is to receive all the praise for the blessings these behaviors produce (v. 11d)?**
11. **How does “the end of all things” motivate you to serve the Church and to advance the Church’s being an oasis?**
12. **Is it sufficient for your spiritual growth and development to pray only on your own without joining with other believers? Why or why not?**
13. **How can our congregation improve its corporate prayer life?**
14. **Describe what constant, earnest loving one another might look like in a congregation of the Lord.**
15. **How can you demonstrate hospitality to your fellow church members?**
16. **What gifts do you believe the LORD has given to you to use in serving His church?**
17. **How do you know what gifts you have from the LORD?**
18. **Is Peter saying that one who speaks on behalf of the LORD is inspired as he was as an Apostle? Why or why not?**
19. **Why do you think that sometimes one who serves the Lord in His Church fizzles out and loses focus? How can this be overcome? How does one avoid “burnout”?**
20. **In what ways is the Church an oasis? How can we improve our being an “oasis” as a congregation? How can you contribute to our particular church’s functioning as an oasis?**