

JULY 2018
NEWSLETTER



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Pastor's Devo....

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. *Genesis 2:1-3*

July...the Seventh month of the year...so what better time to select another "7" to reflect upon??? Seven is the biblical number of completion, and in His word God tells us that He "blessed the seventh day and made it holy"...and I pray that in this summer season we continue to do that...make the seventh day a holy one..."holy"..."set-apart" again, as you've probably become accustomed to me reminding you of the importance in keeping the Lord's day all year...it takes on extra importance in this season for a number of reasons...

First, it's because either we take time to travel to go see family and friends or we're visited by them...in either case, our continued recognition of God's sovereignty ought not wain just because we find ourselves in a different circumstance, either away from home or with others in our's...in either case, we should still take time to remember the holiness of the Lord's day. We can and should continue to model the behavior of those who recognize who we are and whose we are...even in these unusual circumstances.

Second, even if were not traveling...summertime offers us the opportunity to enjoy many wonderful things that our Good Lord has made for us here in this beautiful part of the country. Especially here in East Tennessee, with it's lakes and mountains, we're blessed to have places to visit within an easy drive which truly displays God's glory...(and I know many of you will say, "But Pastor, God didn't create the lakes...the TVA did!!! To which I would answer, "That's true...but WHO made it possible for the TVA to exist??") In either case...these wonder places have been with us for quite some time, and they're not going anywhere...they're spectacular beauty will be there for you to enjoy on Sunday afternoon just as they were earlier Sunday morning...

So, in this 7th month, remember the Sabbath day...and God has even blessed us with an additional Sunday this month of July...and you know what that means...well, really, as much as I love Matins, I understand that many of you don't care for it quite as much ... maybe if we did it more often, you'd grow to love it as much as I do...just kidding...*or am I???*

Your's in His service...PG

Daily Lectionary Reading for July

July 1	JOSHUA 6:6-27, Acts 10:18-33
July 2	Joshua 7:1-26, Acts 10:34-48
July 3	Joshua 8:1-28, Acts 11:1-18
July 4	Joshua 10:1-25, <i>Joshua 10:28-22:34</i> , Acts 11:19-30
July 5	Joshua 23:1-16, Acts 12:1-25
July 6	Joshua 24:1-31, <i>Judg. 1:1-36</i> , Act 13:1-12
July 7	Judg. 2:6-23, Acts 13:13-41
July 8	Judg. 3:7-31, Acts 13:42-52
July 9	Judg. 4:1-24, <i>Judg. 5:1-31</i> , Acts 14:1-18
July 10	Judg. 6:1-24, Acts 14:19-15:5
July 11	Judg. 6:25-40, Acts 15:6-21
July 12	Judg. 7:1-23, <i>Judg. 7:24-12:15</i> , Gal. 1:1-24
July 13	Judg. 13:1-25, <i>Ruth 1:1-4:22</i> , Gal. 2:1-21
July 14	Judg. 14:1-20, Gal. 3:1-22
July 15	Judg. 15:1-16:3, Gal. 3:23-4:11
July 16	Judg. 16:4-30, <i>Judg. 17:1-21:25</i> , Gal. 4:12-31
July 17	1 Sam. 1:1-20, Gal. 5:1-26
July 18	1 Sam. 1:21-2:17, Gal. 6:1-18
July 19	1 Sam. 2:18-36, Acts 15:22-41
July 20	1 Sam. 3:1-21, Acts 16:1-22
July 21	1 Sam. 4:1-22, <i>Acts 17:1-34</i> , Acts 16:23-40
July 22	1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16, Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
July 23	1 Sam. 6:19-7:17, <i>Acts 19:23-21:14</i> , Acts 19:1-22
July 24	1 Sam. 8:1-22, Acts 21:15-36
July 25	1 Sam. 9:1-27, Acts 21:37-22:16
July 26	1 Sam. 10:1-27, Acts 22:17-29
July 27	1 Sam. 12:1-25, Acts 22:30-23:11
July 28	1 Sam. 13:1-18, Acts 23:12-35
July 29	1 Sam. 14:47-15:9, Acts 24:1-23
July 30	1 Sam. 15:10-35, Acts 24:24-25:12
July 31	1 Sam. 16:1-23, Acts 25:13-27

Commentary from Doris.....

America the Beautiful*

Yes, there are beautiful areas in America. The late naturalist, John Muir and the late President Theodore Roosevelt made certain that natural parks--designated as Special public places for all to enjoy—became a reality. In some cases, however, not being properly cared for these days by the millions of visitors to these parks. That, of course, is the fault of each person who doesn't respect the need to leave nothing but his/her footprints on the park grounds.

“America, America, God shed His grace on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.” In this, the 21st century, how many people consciously ask God to “shed His grace” on America, the country they live in? And, as for brotherhood being the crown of God's blessings on America---well, that seems to have faded from view as we look at racial conflicts and peculiar animosities often expressed in so many places in this “land of the fee...”. As for “shining seas”—perhaps both the Atlantic and the Pacific Ocean need more cleaning up. It's been declared that the Pacific Ocean can be classified as “the world's largest garbage dump.” Oh! The poor ocean creatures!

God's fault? Well, you answer that!

Now, here's a really shocking fact about America—the richest land (so far-until we dig our debts so deep it'll take generations to get us out of the “hole”).

Some will argue that poverty is the individual's fault—or even his/her choice (given governmental “free hand-outs”). Hopefully, no one who believes and follows Christ's teaching believes that.

We see much of our infra-structure in need of repair/replacement. Yet the world's richest country has to spend endless time talking about the problems and thereby not getting to work—getting the jobs done. No comment? Of course you have. Each of us should have an opinion as to what/why this or that is holding up the work that needs doing? Usually it's \$\$ in “committee”.

Thot: Isn't about time to realize WHY “God so loved the world” that He didn't send a “committee”.

Those of us old enough to remember a popular singer named Kate Smith will recall her “signature song”: “God Bless America”, Some words: “God bless America. Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night, with the LIGHT from above.”

This is a troubled world. But then it's been a troubled world from the beginning. Mankind decided to disobey God (the fact is here friends, at that time man KNEW God/spoke/saw and was in close connection with Him at the beginning). You may think “the devil made them do it”-but that's a MAJOR “cop-out”!

God gave mankind something we call “free will”—and the ability thereby to choose RIGHT (God's way) from WRONG (pride's way). So, does He still allow us this freedom? Yes, indeed! And He gives us the greatest help in our worldly and personal struggles so that we—EACH who believes—together with this gift will not only overcome those struggles-but become stronger because of the “fight”. What/who is this gift? You must know the answer to that...the third person of/in the Trinity—the Holy Spirit.

So, why wait? What can we personally do about any “wrongs” we see perpetrated at ANY level? Oh—by ourselves—not a thing. BUT we are NOT “by ourselves”! We are in partnership with God Himself—His

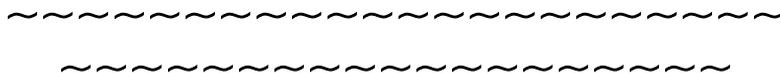
Holy Spirit. That FACT should be readily accepted if we believe—truly believe—God’s words, the scripture we call “Holy”.

Let’s ADMIT our weakness, whatever it may be—toss our pride of “self” aside and THANK God He is waiting for us to become His children. Only then can we march “Onward”, as Christian soldiers and DO something to help those who need us and change the world RIGHT where we have been placed.

So then friend, AMERICA will be “the Beautiful, the BLESSED.

*Kathryn Lee Bates

"ART is a necessity – an essential part of our enlightenment process. We cannot as a civilized society, regard ourselves as being enlightened without the arts." - Ken Danby, Canadian painter, 1940-2007. Providing the means for a fine arts series in our congregation is an extension of our outreach ministry to our community. Thus, we ask you to contribute to our Fine Arts fund to provide financial backing for such events. You may use the special envelopes provided in the church narthex, or, include a gift with your regular offering earmarked "fine arts fund." Thank you.



LOOKING AHEAD...

Mid-Week Bible Study is on Wednesdays @ 11:00 (NOT on the 4th)

Independence Day is Wednesday... **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!**

Anniversary/Birthday Celebration is July 8th after service.

Mite Box will be in the Narthex July 15th.

East Tennessee Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League Retreat

All ladies are invited to attend the LWML retreat to be held September 21-23 at beautiful Eagle Rock Camp in Tallassee, Tennessee. All ladies are welcome -- membership in the LWML is not required. The retreat begins at 3:00 pm Friday afternoon and will end at 10:00 am Sunday morning. Two nights lodging and 5 meals (2 dinners, 1 lunch, and 2 breakfasts) are included in the registration fee. The theme is "The Armor of God" and will include Bible study, free time, crafts, fun and fellowship. If you are interested, please contact your local society LWML president, Laurie Smith, or feel free to contact Candy Habich at crhabich@chartertn.net. Registration deadline is September 7.

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A NEW MARRIAGE

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