

This Week's Words for Meditation

My God Is So Great

"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:10

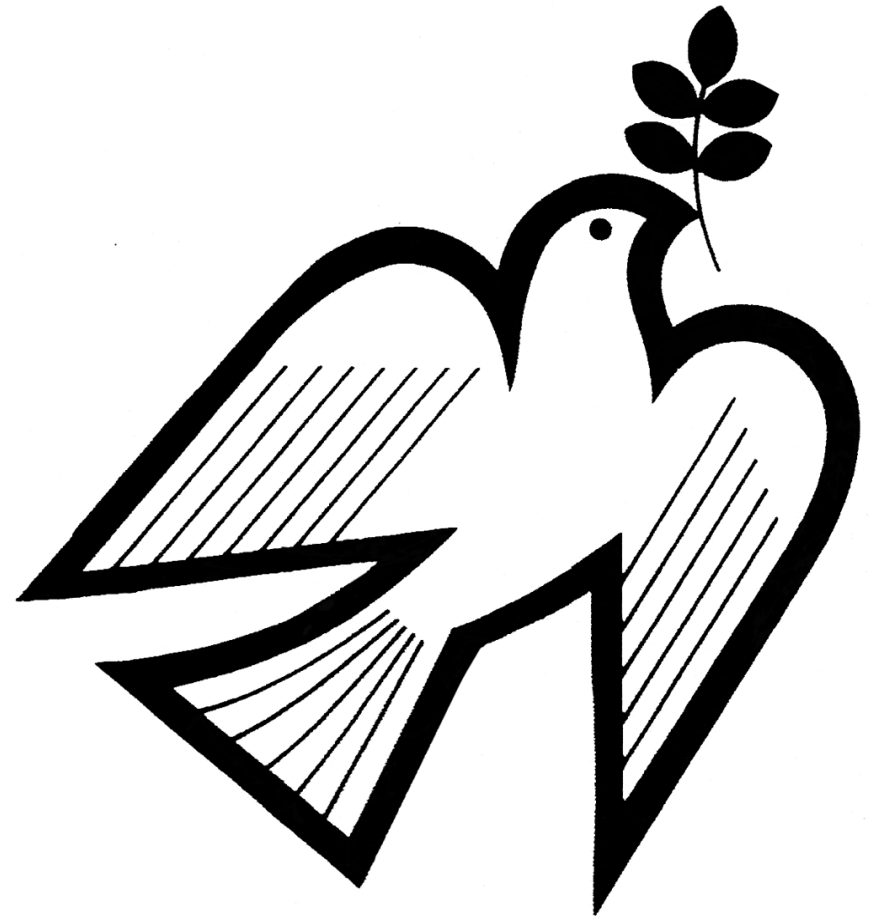
One song that children love to sing includes the refrain, "My God is so great, so strong and so mighty; there's nothing my God cannot do." Children love to sing this because they flex their arms to show off their muscles; in their faith they know this is the power of God.

Paul the Apostle might have been flat on his back in the weakness of the thorn in the flesh, bent over in the hardships of traveling from one city to another, receiving insults and persecutions at every turn. Yet he says that this is when he is the strongest, for then he receives the fullest power of God.

When we imagine ourselves to be strong in ourselves, that is when we have the greatest weakness, for it is only our strength. But in our human weakness or sickness, then in faith the fullest strength of God comes to help us and carry us on. Paul seems to say, "Bring on the problem, the sickness, the difficulty; when I know I am weak, then the all-encompassing power of God comes by grace in Jesus Christ." Oh, for such a faith; yea, such a strength; truly such a gift of the power of God overcoming our weakness.

**O God, You are so great; come help me
in my weakness. Amen.**

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Welcome! The service is designed to honor God and encourage and feed His people. We hope your heart is open to Him today, and that you sense the warm presence of His Spirit.

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+ WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP +

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Organist: Kim Bench



Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God by Mary and Dewey Miller in Honor of Military Past and Present.

Altar Care - Mary Miller and Ruth Poe are serving this morning.

+ WELCOME AND GREETING +

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: #966 LSB "Before You, Lord, We Bow" (v 1-2, 4-5)

Verse 1: *Before You, Lord, we bow,*

Our God who reigns above

And rules the world below,

Boundless in pow'r and love.

Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,

Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

Verse 2: *The nation You have blest*

May well Your love declare,

From foes and fears at rest,

Protected by Your care.

For this bright day, For this fair land –

Gifts of Your hand – Our thanks we pay.

Verse 4: *Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;*

Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.

Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,

And bow before The Crucified.

Verse 5: *And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land*

From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,

A countless throng, With joy to sing

To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

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Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89; setting: William H. Monk, 1823-89

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The Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Matt. 28:19b)

Amen!

+ TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS +

Beloved in the LORD! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *(Heb. 10:22)*

Our help is in the name of the LORD.

Who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *(Psalm 32:5)*

(A time of silent Confession before God)

O Almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit of the Day - Psalm 132:13-16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8 (Spoken)

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

C: For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:

P: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

C: I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

P: Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.

**Glory be to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

The Kyrie (p. 186) (Sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Mark 10:47)

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis (p.187) (Sung)

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

Congregation: *and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King. God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the

world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of

the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand

of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy;

Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

The LORD be with you.

And with Thy Spirit.

Let us pray,

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5 (p. 693 ESV)

Evangelist: Sean Calahan

Ezekiel's Call

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2 And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' 5 And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (p. 970 ESV)

Paul's Visions and His Thorn

12 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. 5 On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— 6 though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. 7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

(Romans 11:33, 36)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To
Him be glory forever. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 (ESV p. 841)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

6 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. 10 And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” 12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed (p. 191)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

The Children's Message:

Given by Mrs. Kristin Dolby

The Message Hymn: #744 LSB "Amazing Grace" (v 1 - 4)

Verse 1: *Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –*

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

Was blind but now I see!

Verse 2: *The Lord has promised good to me,*

His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

Verse 3: *Through many dangers, toils, and snares*

I have already come;

His grace has brought me safe thus far,

His grace shall lead me home.

Verse 4: *Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail*

And mortal life shall cease,

Amazing grace shall then prevail

In heaven's joy and peace.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, sts. 1-4, alt.; A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790, st. 5;

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The Message for the Day: "God's Response To Rejection" (Mark 6:1-13)

The Gathering of the Offerings for the Lord's Work

(A Friendly Reminder to please continue offerings as you are able.)

The Prayer of the Church

(after each petition, please respond with - "Hear our Prayer")

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Prepare to Receive Holy Communion

We practice Biblical Communion. It is a testimony to our unity in faith and doctrine. All who have been baptized, examined and absolved are welcome. If you are not an active member of this parish or have not previously received communion from Pastor Dolby, please speak with him. We invite you to read and understand Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Timothy 4:16, and Mark 14:23-25.

Please Note: Should anyone be unable to partake of the fruit of the vine (wine or grape juice), we will have a small amount of cups filled with grape juice available in the center of each communion tray for your use. Also, please note that gluten-free wafers are available in a small bowl on the wafer plate for anyone with a gluten allergy.

We receive Christ's Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and the wine/ grape juice, for the forgiveness of sins, united in the fellowship of faith and faithful in Christ.

The Preface (p.194)

The LORD be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sung) (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sa-ba-oth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

The LORD's Prayer (p.196)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Consecration of Elements for Holy Communion:

The Pax Domini (p.197)

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

Amen.

The Agnus Dei (p. 198) (Sung)

*O-O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O-O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O-O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. A - - - - - men.*



Distribution (celebrated by Continuous Flow)

Dismissal Blessing for Holy Communion (given to congregation at conclusion of Continuous Flow Distribution of Holy Communion) *Please make sure to sign in on the Communion Notebook.*

The Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.200)

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benedicamus (p. 202)

Bless we the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction (p.202)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

(Sung) **A-men, A-men, A-men.**

Sending Hymn: #965 LSB "God Bless our Native Land"

Verse 1: *God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.*

Verse 2: *So shall our prayers arise*

To God above the skies;

On Him we wait.

Thou who art ever nigh,

Guarding with watchful eye,

To Thee aloud we cry:

God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1813-83, st. 1, alt.; John S. Dwight, 1813-93, st. 2, alt.

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Sending:

(Mark 6:13)

Depart in God's peace. Telling the world what God has done
through His disciples.

**Alleluia. They cast out demons and anointed with oil many
who were sick and healed them. Alleluia.**

Sharing Christ's Love and Mercy with All!

Postlude: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*; setting by Michael Burkhardt©1997 MorningStar

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ENTER TO WORSHIP—DEPART TO SERVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masks and Social Distancing are no longer required. It is a member's choice whether they wish to continue mask wearing or not. Some members may wish to continue live-streaming our service from their homes.

New Members: We officially welcomed in new members on Sunday, June 20th! They are - The Mahalcin Family, Adam and Emmi; the Rich Family, Patrick and Betty; and the Stedman family, Jeff, Sharon, Alex and Collin. We are very happy to welcome them into our All Saints family! May we all be a blessing, one to the other!

LWML Charities: Our Committee needs your help this year to choose the charities you want for 2021-2022. They are open to any charity that you think might need help with donations. Linda Price is our Chairperson whose contact info is available in our Church Directory. Please contact by July 19. We have had 5 charities this year and they are: Alaska Mission for Christ, Hopelink, Friends of Youth, LCMS's Ministry to the Armed Forces and The Sophia Way.

STOP and check out the MAILBOXES! They have been re-alphabetized and your mailbox MAY be one of those that has been moved. Please look closely before pulling mail out of a mailbox that actually may belong to someone else. Your help is appreciated - Thank You!

Attention Middle Schoolers! Save the dates! Our new middle school youth group will kick-off this coming fall! Mark your calendars for these fun events! More details will be announced later.

August 7 – Lake Sammamish State Park – All family BBQ

September 18 – Campfire Evening

October 16 – Hike

The new middle school youth group is a joint effort between our congregation and Christ the King and Pilgrim. More information will be coming soon, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out: miriam_schmidt@hotmail.com, Miriam Schmidt (from Pilgrim) and the Youth Committee

Worship service recordings will continue to be provided on the church website in the days following each Sunday.

Worship services are currently being held at 9:30 AM in our Sanctuary or being live streamed in our Facebook account. Members can also view the recorded video later, on our website at: <http://www.allsaints-lcms.com>, when posted. Updates will also be posted on the website as things are subject to change due to COVID-19.



Scan using camera or vision on your smartphone. Its a quick way to get to our website.

PLEASE TAKE HOME THIS PRAYER LIST OF PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR

Below are names that Pastor has received over several weeks. Should you wish any names to be added or updated, please contact Pastor or Barbi in the office. If we do not receive updates, names will be removed from this list after 30 days and placed into the Lord's hands.

From Kristin Dolby - Prayers of thanksgiving for 10-week old Nathan Kuder's updated prognosis. We pray for continued protection and healing. (6-27)

From Lisa Gasiewicz - We give thanks to the Lord for good news after Lisa's Mom's last doctor's appointment. We give a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for healing her back. Her break has healed and she can slowly start walking more, lifting more and wearing her brace less. (6-20)

Shawna's brother, Mark, recovering from Covid-19. Mark had an x-ray on his lungs last week which showed just a little inflammation. He is feeling much better now and is back to work. He has also had his first vaccine on Friday. Thank you for all your prayers. (6-20)

From Bev - Continued prayers for healing and spiritual strength for Tara. She is having physical therapy at home, and able to eat well. Thank you for your many prayers over these past weeks. (6-13)

Continued prayers for healing and strength for Marie Porterfield. (6-13)

PLEASE ADD OTHERS YOU MAY WISH TO PRAY FOR
