

REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Service

Deeds

1 Peter 1:17-25

Is eternal life based on our deeds?

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 11:15am.
Misericordias Domini

A question arises from today's Epistle: How do we attain eternal life?

Often the world encourages us to look to ourselves and our own deeds to see if we will inherit eternal life, but that's not where the Bible points us.

Scripture points us to Jesus and His deeds on our behalf, His death and His resurrection for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Opening Praise Song

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: God raised Jesus from the dead

C: and gave Him honor and glory.

P: We place our faith in Him,

C: and we place our hope in His resurrection.

P: As human beings, we inherited pointless ways and deeds. We were born in sin, and we sin much. Though we may try to do what is right, we always fall short, burdened by mistakes and the weight of sin. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to draw near, confess our sins, and long to hear His living and abiding Word.

...Silence for reflection...

P: Heavenly Father,

C: I have not been pure of heart and mind and soul. I have not obeyed Your truth. I have not loved one another as I should. Forgive me for my futility, renew me by Your resurrection, and lead me back to the life You want for me, on account of Jesus, Amen.

P: The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever. That Word of God tells us clearly that Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. I am purified because of the precious blood of Jesus.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Lord Jesus, You gave Yourself for us as an unblemished sacrifice in order to ransom us from our sins. Strengthen us to let go of our own useless deeds, and cling to Your deeds of death and resurrection for us and our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 1:17–25

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Luke 24:13-35)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon *Deeds*

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

C: we bring to God our prayer and praise.

P: O Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Announcements