

A Reflection on Psalm 8

This Psalm is understood by many as a psalm of the incarnation. Hebrews Chapter 2 identifies this psalm as about Christ. For whom else than the Son of God could say these words in this way.

[1] *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.*

- The first “Lord” here is the Hebrew word Yahweh, God’s personal name
- The second word “Lord” is Adonai, Hebrew for King/Lord used to address someone in authority
- Our God is majestic, is above every the heavens

[2] *Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.*

- Luther comments: “this is the way of God's Kingdom is established namely not with human force, wisdom, counsel, or power; but with the word and gospel preached by infants and children. By infants does not mean young children who cannot talk; but plain simple unsophisticated people who are like infant children in that they set aside all reason, grasp, and accept the word with simple faith and let themselves be led and directed by God like children, Such, people are also the best scholars and pupils in Christ Kingdom.”

[3] *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, [4] what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*

- This is where the book of Hebrews starts to quote this passage and attribute it to Christ
- “Son of Man” is title Christ himself used frequently to refer to himself

[5] *Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. [6] You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,*

- Psalm 21:6 leads in the same direction “*For you make him most blessed forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.*”

[7] *all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, [8] the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

- Everything is under his dominion, this can only be Christ
- Matthew 28:18 “*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*
- 1 Corinthians 15:27 “*For " God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.*”
- Ephesians 1:22 “*And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,*”

[9] *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

- The Psalm ends almost like it started
- So God’s name is majestic in all the earth, by the Son of Man who died and rose again

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February will see the end of Epiphany on Transfiguration Sunday, February 11th and the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Our Midweek sermon series this year is the “Mountains of Lent” Here is the schedule:

February 14, Ash Wednesday, *The Climb to Calvary’s Mountain*

February 21, *The Mount of Temptation*

February 28, *The Mount of Suffering*

March 6, *The Mount of Loyalty*

March 13, *The Mount of Sacrifice*

March 20, *The Mount of Triumph*

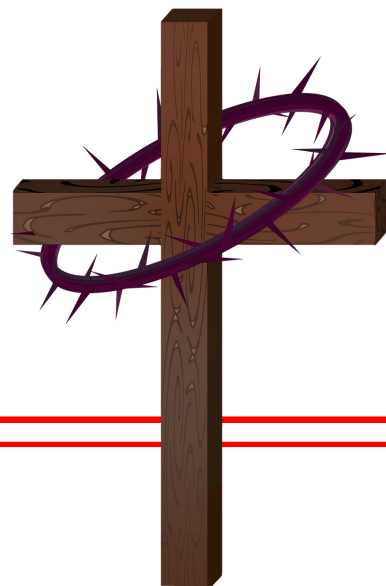
And then:

March 28, Maundy Thursday – *The Lord’s Supper*

March 29, Good Friday – *The Death of Jesus*

Blessings

Pastor



Have a Heart

February: the month devoted to love. Stores are filled with heart-shaped boxes of candy and heart-shaped cards and vases of flowers with heart-shaped gift tags. All this is available for the consumer so that he can find the appropriate expression of his devotion to his loved one. If that expression of love has been preceded by a year of thoughtful and loving words and deeds, it is welcomed and cherished by the recipient. If not, it is just an empty ritual, done out of duty rather than true devotion.

Our relationship to the Lord is similar. He, too, desires our sincere devotion, not empty lip service. *“The Lord says: ‘These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me’ ”* (Isaiah 29:13).

Stewardship is serving, helping, giving, but love is the basis for stewardship. Without love, our good deeds are empty and without merit. The first act of true stewardship is to *“love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength”* (Deuteronomy 6:5). Jesus called this the most important commandment (Mark 12:29, 30). With that love for the Lord in us, we are enabled to be good stewards. Then we can do acts of good stewardship, acts of true devotion. We are enabled to . . .

“Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart” (Deuteronomy 15:10).

“Carefully observe [His decrees and laws] with all your heart and with all your soul” (Deuteronomy 26:16).

“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality” (Romans 12:13).

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men” (Colossians 3:23).

God, through Ezekiel, promised, *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws”* (Ezekiel 36:26-27). This promise He has fulfilled in His Son, Jesus, Who has followed His Father’s decrees and kept His laws for us. As we strive to live fruitful lives of stewardship, at the same time, we rest in Christ Who has been the perfect steward for us.

Happy Birthday



Happy Anniversary

February Birthday

2nd Rana Davis
9th Kevin Stelter
12th Mercedes Bissey
14th Frank Howland
16th Carla Handy Sorrell
21st Brigitte Kurdziel
21st Camryn Davis

February Anniversary

26th Teri & Mark Lancaster

February Worship Service Helpers

Date	Elder	Usher
February 4th	Kelly Stephens	John Dexter Wayne Murphy
February 11th	Darren Genz	Chuck Baldwin Jim Hastings
February 18th	Dennis Davis	Dean Hakim Greg Solt
February 25th	John Hooker	Chuck Baldwin John Dexter



The next Ladies Guild meeting will be February 11th, 2024

Bible Quiz Answers

1. Priscilla – Acts 18:18
2. Bathsheba – 1 Kings 1:28-31
3. Lydia – Acts 16:14-15
4. Martha – Luke 10:38-41
5. Esther – Esther 9
6. Eve – Genesis 3:20
7. Ruth – Ruth 4:13-22
8. Deborah – Judges 4
9. Sarah – Genesis 18:12
10. Phoebe – Romans 16:1-2



See You in Sunday School, 9:30a.m.

Jesus is my life

Bible Quiz

“Women’s Rights and Wrongs”

Can you identify the famous Biblical women described in these statements?

1. She and her husband, Aquila, were among Paul’s closest companions.
2. The circumstances surrounding her marriage were scandalous, but her son eventually became a king of Israel.
3. This well to do woman from Thyatira became a Christian and invited Paul and his companions to stay at her house.
4. Jesus stayed at this woman’s house, but she was so distracted with dinner preparations that she never sat and listened to his teachings.
5. Because this queen’s influence saved the Jews, the celebration of Purim was established.
6. This woman got her name because she would become the mother of all the living.
7. This widow found a new husband and a new country, and her great grandson became a king of Israel.
8. She was a prophetess and leader of Israel and her husband’s name was Lappidoth.
9. She laughed on hearing that she would have a child in her old age.
10. This woman was a servant of the church of Cenchrea, and Paul said she was great help to many people, including him.



February 2024 Altar Flowers

4th Altar Flowers are given by Janet & Jim Tysse.

4th Altar Flowers are given by Jamie & Fred Blumenthal.

11th Altar Flowers are given by Sanne & Grant Bissey.

11th Altar Flowers are given by Cindy & Darren Genz.

18th Altar Flowers are not sponsored.

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25th Altar Flowers are given by Teri & Mark Lancaster.

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Thank You for your support in making the Altar beautiful on Sundays!

(If anyone would like their flower announcement to reflect a special day or person please let Cindy Genz know by email; tlcgadsden@gmail.com or on the Sunday before).

The 2024 flower chart has been posted on the back hallway bulletin board. If you would like to support our Altar Flower program please pick your date/dates on the chart. The flowers are \$20 per vase.

For God so loved the world that he gave
his one and only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but have
eternal life. For God did not send his Son
into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.

- John 3:16-17 -





Buongiorno!

*Mark your calendar for...
Saturday, February 24th, 2024*

*The Ladies Guild will be hosting our
12th Annual
Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction
Fund Raiser Event*

**Dine-In 5:30pm ~ Take-Out 4:30pm
Auction Bidding Closes at... 6:30 pm**

Tickets are \$12-Adult & \$6-Child, which includes:

- **Complete Spaghetti Dinner-**
- ✦ Generous Serving of Spaghetti (with or without meat)
- ✦ Green Salad
- ✦ Garlic Bread
- ✦ Non-Alcoholic Beverage
- ✦ Yummy Desserts

Come for Dinner... stay for the Auction Action

We've got some really great Auction Items again this year.

If you forget to get tickets in advance on Sunday or your plans suddenly open up...

Tickets are for sale at the door!

Remember...

If you can't dine-in with us, we'll have "Dinner-to-Go" ready for pick-up as early as 4:30pm!

Hosted by **Trinity Lutheran Ladies Guild**



2024 Church Council Meetings and Church Voters Meetings

February 18th, 2024, Church Council



April 21st, 2024, Church Council
May 19th, 2024, Voters Meeting
August 18th, 2024, Church Council
October 20th, 2024, Church Council
November 3rd, 2024, Voters Meeting

In the event there is a need for a special meeting, Dave Tumlin, President, will announce.



**Our next Monthly Mite collection is February 11th, 2024
Don't forget to fill your Mite Box and bring it in!**



See you in Church on Sunday

February 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:00a Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship with Mary. 6:00p Chuck has meeting	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 8:30a Choir Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:40a Communion 1:00p Youth Confirmation	5	6 8:30a Laura's Latte Ladies Bible Study at Union Jack 11:00a Men's Bible Study	7	8 11:00a Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship with Mary.	9	10
11 Super Bowl Transfiguration Sunday 8:30a Choir Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:40a Worship 12:00p Elders Meeting 12:00p Ladies Guild Meeting 1:00P Youth Confirmation Mite Sunday	12	13 8:30a Laura's Latte Ladies Bible Study at Union Jack 11:00a Men's Bible Study	14 Ash Wednesday 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service	15 11:00a Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship with Mary.	16	17
18 The 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30a Choir Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:40a Communion 12:00p Council Meeting 1:00p Youth Confirmation	19 Washington's Birthday	20 8:30a Laura's Latte Ladies Bible Study at Union Jack 11:00a Men's Bible Study	21 7:00p Lent Service	22 11:00a Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship with Mary.	23	24 5:30 p Spaghetti Dinner and Auction
25 The 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:30a Choir Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:40a Worship 1:00P Youth Confirmation	26	27 8:30a Laura's Latte Ladies Bible Study at Union Jack 11:00a Men's Bible Study	28 7:00p Lent Service	29 11:00a Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship with Mary.		

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