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WEEKLY SUNDAY PREVIEW

June 26, 2022

We have no good apart from God. That makes the call of Jesus to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

This Week's Lessons

This is an opportunity to read the lessons and study them for this week. Often our lessons are taken out of context. We sometimes need to read what came before and/or what came after.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: 1st Kings 19: 15-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

PSALM: Psalm 16

Read responsively.

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from Heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the Church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence

- A** God of faithfulness, set the face of your Church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the Church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of gentleness, strengthen the Earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict especially Ukraine. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying especially; Michael, the Porters, Niki, Arlene, and those we hold in our hearts. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death.
God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Suggestions **World Hunger, World Health, World Peace**
Child Welfare in Underdeveloped Countries
Mass shootings and killings in U. S. cities
Preservation of Environment
U. S. Economy
Deaths of law officers
Ukraine Conflict

- P** God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
- C** **Amen.**

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CONTACT THE PASTOR

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.



COMING EVENTS AT ZION

4th OF JULY Although we will not be doing a patriotic service as such, please remember to pray for our country and our World. We need the hand of God in our lives every day. If you see a veteran, please acknowledge him/her and their service.

VILLAGE EVENTS.



JUNE 24th MOVIE NIGHT. I will let you know what movie they will be showing that night as soon as I find out. This will be the last activity except Friday Night Uptown in July and August.

Just found out that Movie night has been postponed. MORE LATER.

JULY 15TH AND AUGUST 5TH FRIDAY NIGHT UPTOWN will be happening again. I will be able to make these as softball tournaments will be over. Pandora Effect will be the featured band in July and North to Nashville will be playing in August. Lots of good food trucks will be there as well. Come and join the fun. See someone you may not have seen in a while.

SEPTEMBER 3RD OXROAST DANCE will be held at Garrett Park. Come and enjoy the new park and enjoy all of the work that has been done. This will be for all ages. 8-80. We all love to dance even if it is just one.

PRAYERS



Please keep these people in your prayers: Michael Koch; Wesley and JoAnn Porter; Nicole Biler Robinette; and all of those who are still suffering from COVID-19 and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor. We have not heard from the Toys for quite a while.

Susan Cairns is asking for prayers for her “youngest son, Bryan, who is having a hip replacement last Wednesday. His 42 year old hip has aged to age 70. He and his wife are missionaries in Kenya. Their missionary insurance works everywhere in the world except the USA so his surgery will be in Germany which has a great orthopedic reputation.” I have not heard anything from her this week to know how

it went. If anyone would like to communicate with her, her email is susancairnscakes@gmail.com Please keep Susie and her son in your prayers this week especially and continued.

By the way, Susie says she is doing well, but misses us all.

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Michael has moved to *The Grove*, a facility that is much closer to his home. You can get updates from Linda at www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid. Keep all of the Koch's in your prayers.

If you hear or know of anyone who should be on our Prayer List, please let me know, my number is 614 398-6302 lejohn7310@icloud.com



A New Lease on Life

My wife and I spent 43 years together. In our book, we had the perfect marriage, because we never went to bed angry at each other. If there was a problem, we took care of

it. There was no putting it off. My wife was the only reason I didn't give up a long time ago. I went into the Marine Corps in 1962. Served as a sniper in Vietnam for more than six years. Then I spent another three years, five months, and 23 days in a POW camp. I still endure flashbacks from the torture I suffered, and there's no medication that can stop it. When I came home, I was filled with so much pain, trauma, and rage, I wanted to totally withdraw from the World. My wife was the only one who could reach me, the only one who could help me hold on to my sanity. She was my rock and my true north in every way. Then she was diagnosed with brain cancer. For 16 years, I watched her die, little by little, every day—and so did I. When she finally passed, I gave up on life. I wasn't suicidal, but I had a death wish. That wish almost came true when I broke my back a few years ago. After that, I lost everything but my life—or what was left of it. I was homeless, broke, and depressed. A few months back, I started thinking about my wife. I could hear her say, "Raymond, quit your moping and get on with your life." I came to LSS Faith Mission that day. The folks here immediately started helping me get back on my feet. I got connected with a coordinator who specializes in helping Veterans like me, and he led me to all kinds of resources. I've got a ways to go, but I'm getting my life back. What I've appreciated most is that they accept me for who I am. They treat me like family. I couldn't do this alone, and thanks to LSS Faith Mission and people like you, I don't have to. You've given me a new lease on life.

FUNDS FOR ZION

Did you know that when you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7201301, Amazon donates to Zion?

Also, if you have a Kroger card, you can designate Zion to receive a percentage of your grocery expenses. Go to the service desk to inquire.

If you need a new Directory, contact me in one of the usual ways and I will add it to the mailing that week.

I would love to have more hymn picks (I have none) to choose from week-to-week. Please let me know which of your favorite hymns you would like to have us sing. We are looking at Gathering and Sending.

(If you wish to sign up for food on the Altar or service assistant for a particular Sunday and are not going to be here to do so, let me know via email, text, or messenger, and I will sign you up for that Sunday.)

Hope to see you soon.

God bless you all this week.

***Come and praise God for
sending our Lord to take our sins.***



**Love has brought us here together;
love of fam'ly, love of friends;
love, our vow till death should part us;
love, God's gift, that never ends.**

**From our birth, throughout our lifetime,
love's insistence calls our name.
Floods of waters cannot drown it
or put out its dancing flame.**