



Daily Prayer
+ Tuesday, June 16, 2020 +

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 119:17-24

L: Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

C: Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

L: I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!

C: My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.

L: You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments.

C: Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your testimonies.

L: Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.

C: Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.

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

Amen.

Hymn

#527, v. 1-2

[1] O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,

To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

[2] O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously has wrought
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.

Reading

Acts 13:1-3

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Devotional Message from Pastor Thompson

Our reading today from Acts 13 gives the account of Paul and Barnabas and their ordination as missionary apostles and church planters among the Greeks.

We know that God wills that all people be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. We also know that the church has been commissioned to make disciples baptizing and teaching. Jesus had told his apostles to go and preach the Gospel to all creation.

And so, it is no surprise in Acts 13, when the Holy Spirit speaks to the early church in Antioch and says, *“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”* God had called Paul and Barnabas to a missionary journey among the Gentiles. And they would be commissioned and set-apart for this work through ordination: the laying on of hands with prayer.

What follows in the book of Acts will be an account of their missionary work proclaiming Jesus throughout the Greek world.

It is important to remember, however, that this work was given to them by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit had called them to go and preach and would work through his word to bring faith to many people and to found churches.

God works through us. He works through the church and uses us as his mouthpieces, his hands and feet, his body in the world to carry out his work. This is why obedience to God is so important. God is working through us to bring a blessing to the world and he calls us to take an active part.

As we confess in the Augsburg Confession: *“In order that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the*

Gospel and administering the sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and the sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given." (AC V) May God use us as his instruments in working faith, where and when it pleases God, in those who hear the Gospel. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Collect

L: Almighty God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in your mercy, and a sincere love for you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Hymn

#527, v. 3-4

[3] In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.

[4] O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee,
Our Savior and our King!