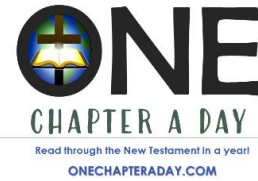


## Week 29 –made to work May 15, 2022 – (weekly readings: Ephesians 1 – 6)

**Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)** <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



**Sermon outline: (my notes below) (do you like to work? What joy, blessing, outcomes come from your work (ing)?**

**1. saved by grace**

**2. gifted with faith**

**3. created by God, for God, to reflect him out in HIS world.**

- a. **his workmanship (we reflect his workmanship) Psalm 139:13-14 (creation object** n. — anything that has been brought into existence (or compiled) by someone. ([ποίημα](#) *poiēma* work; creation (2x) [Rom 1:20](#); [Eph 2:10](#))
- b. **preplanned** - [προετοιμάζω](#) *proetomazō* prepare beforehand (2x) [Rom 9:23](#); [Eph 2:10](#)
- c. **let's get going to walk (behavior) v. — to live or behave in a specified manner.** [περιπατέω](#) *peripateō* walk; live (47x) [Mark 7:5](#); [Acts 21:21](#); [Rom 6:4](#); [8:1, 4](#); [13:13](#); [14:15](#); [1 Cor 3:3](#); [7:17](#); [2 Cor 4:2](#); [5:7](#); [10:2-3](#); [Gal 5:16](#); [Eph 2:2, 10](#); [4:1, 17](#); [5:2, 8, 15](#); [Phil 3:17-18](#); [Col 1:10](#); [2:6](#); [3:7](#); [4:5](#); [1 Thess 2:12](#); [4:1, 12](#); [2 Thess 3:6, 11](#); [Heb 13:9](#); [1 John 1:6-7](#); [2:6, 11](#); [2 John 4, 6](#); [3 John 3-4](#)

## Invocation

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**AMEN**

Opening Psalms 148:1-5, 150:6 (NIV)

Praise the LORD.

**Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.**

Praise him, all his angels,

**praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Praise him, sun and moon,

**praise him, all you shining stars.**

Praise him, you highest heavens

**and you waters above the skies.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

**for he commanded and they were created.**

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

**Praise the LORD.**

**Opening Song:**

## Confession & Absolution

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**who made heaven and earth.**

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.

**Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.**

Jesus promised the disciples, "Your sorrow will turn into joy," and He promises "the spring of the water of life without payment." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day:**

Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful people to be of one will.

**Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Song:**

**Children's Message: (no song after the children's message)**

**Scriptures:**

**First reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—  
<sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own

doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **Gospel: John 16:12-22 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.<sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.<sup>16</sup> “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”<sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’”<sup>18</sup> So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”<sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?”<sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.<sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.<sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

### **Message Song:**

### **Message:**

### **Creed**

### **Prayers of the Church**

As we pray together for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, you are invited to take a moment now in silent prayer to lift up the names and needs that are upon your heart this day.

*(A time of silence for personal prayers)*

God our Father, as You have glorified Your servant Jesus by raising Him from the dead,  
***give us repentant and believing hearts that our sins may be blotted out; that we may find refreshment in Your presence; that our faith may be strengthened and our witness to Christ’s resurrection be bold until He returns to restore all things. Continue to clothe Your Church with power from on high, that we may faithfully proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in Christ’s name to all nations.***

Father in heaven, You have given us a mirror of Your own love in the vocation of mothers to nurture, guide, and raise their children in all things good. Bless and strengthen them in their calling, sustain them in weary and difficult times, and remember in compassion all who are barren and bring them comfort through the children of the church.

***Thank You, Lord our God, for gift of mothers and the blessings of family.***

Send to Your Church men and women who will faithfully serve in these latter days.

***Call men who will speak the truth in love and love in truth to be her pastors. Move men and women to render their lives to Your service, that works of mercy may be fulfilled and the Gospel proclaimed.***

Keep our nation under Your care and give us devout rulers who acknowledge You and Your wisdom;

***bles all who serve our nation in positions of authority; grant them repentance where they have departed from Your ways and keep us faithful in our intercession for them.***

Uphold Your children who are ill and suffering especially we pray for...

...and all we have been asked to remember before You; Keep them from doubting Your love and care for them as they endure these trials; give wisdom to those who serve their medical needs that they may be granted relief and, if it be Your will, be restored to health. Help all those who grieve to hold fast through their tears to the hope that flows from the risen heart of Christ, which gives life to all those who have been baptized into His death. Lord, in Your mercy:

***hear our prayer.***

Risen Christ, as You stand among us with Your flesh and blood here at Your table, bestow Your peace to quiet our troubled hearts, and overcome our doubts with the truth of Your resurrection from the dead, that our hearts may marvel with joy at the life You impart to us with Your forgiveness, life and salvation. Father, as we join together as a Faith family in prayer, we pray

***open our ears that we may hear Your voice; open our minds that we may have the mind of Christ; Make us of one mind, heart, and will, Holy Spirit, that together we may live as Your workmanship in Christ Jesus.***

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose Risen name we pray:

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Communion Song (during distribution)**

## **The Dismissal & Sending**

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## **Benediction**

As you leave God's house today go in the grace that saved you, the faith God gave you, remembering as go into God's world that you are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus DO good works, as you go, "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace."

*(The Benediction is from & Numbers 6:24-26)*

## **Closing Song:**

## **Sending**

**Go in peace to serve the LORD.**

**Thanks be to God!**