



This week we will be using the book of Ruth and Proverbs 31 to guide our time of daily worship. We will be memorizing Proverbs 31:30, a text that underscores the importance of fearing God.

Monday, April 27, 2020

Opening Song

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture Memory

Proverbs 31:30

Write Proverbs 31:30 on an index card. Spend time each day this week memorizing it.

Catechesis

The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 27

Question: What do you understand by the providence of God?

Answer: God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Scripture Lesson

Ruth 1

- Elimelech means, "my God is king". Given his decision to leave Israel and settle in Moab – a land at enmity with God and His people – explain the irony of his name.
- Why does Naomi's family leave Israel?
- Why does Naomi decide to return to Bethlehem?
- How does Ruth's response to Naomi in verses 16-17 remind us of God's steadfast love for his people?
- How does this text point us to Jesus?

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Spend some time in prayer and end with the Lord's Prayer.

Closing Song

"The Doxology"

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Opening Song

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Scripture Memory

Proverbs 31:30

How much of Proverbs 31 have you memorized? Recite as much as you can.

Catechesis

The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 28

Question: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

Answer: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

Scripture Lesson

Ruth 2

- In verse 2, the narrator says Ruth "happened to come" to a field belonging to Boaz. How does the rest of the chapter show that, far from being a coincidence, this has been a blessing from God?
- What do Boaz's actions teach us about how we ought to treat foreigners and the poor?
- What does Boaz say in verse 12 about Ruth's relationship to God?
- How does this chapter point us to Jesus?

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Spend some time in prayer and end with the Lord's Prayer.

Closing Song

"Gloria Patri"

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Opening Song

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Scripture Memory

Proverbs 31:30

How much of Proverbs 31:30 have you memorized? Recite as much as you can.

Catechesis

The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 34

Question: Why do you call [Jesus] *our Lord*?

Answer: Because he has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession.

Scripture Lesson

Ruth 3

- A kinsman-redeemer was someone who had a legal right to purchase (*redeem*) land that had belonged to a relative who had died without an heir; he also had the right to marry his relative's widow to provide an heir. How does the fact that Boaz is a potential redeemer to Naomi and Ruth give them hope?
- Boaz accepts that he is a potential redeemer for Naomi and Ruth. How do verses 12-13 demonstrate Boaz's trust in God's will and providence?
- Boaz can redeem Naomi and Ruth with his money. How does Christ redeem us?

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Spend some time in prayer and end with the Lord's Prayer.

Closing Song

"The Doxology"

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Opening Song

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Scripture Memory

Proverbs 31:30

How much of Proverbs 31:30 have you memorized? Recite as much as you can.

Catechesis

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 26

Question: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Answer: Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Scripture Lesson

Ruth 4

- Why does the closer kinsman-redeemer ultimately forgo his right to redeem Naomi and Ruth?
- What virtues does Boaz exhibit by his willingness to redeem Naomi and Ruth?
- Which famous king is the great grandson of Boaz and Ruth?
- Which greater king is also related to Boaz and Ruth, and is also born in Bethlehem?
- What does the book of Ruth teach us about God’s plan to redeem his people?

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Spend some time in prayer and end with the Lord’s Prayer.

Closing Song

“Gloria Patri”

Friday, May 1, 2020

Opening Song

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Scripture Memory

Proverbs 31:30

Recite Proverbs 31:30 from memory.

Catechesis

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 31:10-31

- In the way the Hebrew Bible is arranged, Proverbs 31 is immediately followed by the book of Ruth. How does Ruth remind you of the woman described in Proverbs 31?
- How does the woman in Proverbs 31 bless her family?
- How does she bless her neighbors?
- How does she glorify God?
- How does she point us to Jesus?

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Spend some time in prayer and end with the Lord’s Prayer.

Closing Song

“The Doxology”

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Artist:

Author: Thomas Obediah Chisholm ; William Marion Runyan

Publisher: Words: 1923. Renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Company ; Music: 1923. Renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Company ;

Copyright Year:

Song Number: 18723

Chorus 1

1. Great is thy faithfulness
Great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Verse 1

2. Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

Verse 2

3. Summer and winter and
Springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Verse 3

4. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)

Artist:

Author: Louis Bourgeois ; Thomas Ken

Publisher: Words: Public Domain ; Music: Public Domain ;

Copyright Year:

Song Number: 56204

Chorus 1

1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing (Nettleton)

Artist:

Author: Don Chapman ; John Wyeth ; Robert Robinson

Publisher: Words: Public Domain ; Music: 2002 Hearts to God Music, Inc. ;

Copyright Year:

Song Number: 5252996

Verse 1

1. Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

2. Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Verse 2

3. Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

4. Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

Verse 3

5. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee

6. Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

Gloria Patri

Artist:
Author: Charles Meineke
Publisher: Public Domain
Copyright Year:
Song Number: 100899

Chorus 1

1. Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer (Hyfrydol)

Artist:

Author: Gary Rhodes ; Phillip Paul Bliss ; Robert Harkness ; Rowland Hugh Prichard

Publisher: Words: Public Domain ; Music: 1997 Word Music, LLC ; Integrity's Hosanna! Music ; (a div. of Word Music Group, Inc.) ; (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (IMI))

Copyright Year:

Song Number: 2763268

Chorus 1

1. Sing O sing of my Redeemer
With his blood he purchased me
On the cross he sealed my pardon
Paid the debt and made me free

Verse 1

2. I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross he suffered
From the curse to set me free

Verse 2

3. I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save
In His boundless love and mercy
He the ransom freely gave

Verse 3

4. I will praise my dear Redeemer
His triumphant power I'll tell
How the victory he giveth
Over sin and death and hell

Verse 4

5. I will sing of my Redeemer
And his heavenly love for me
He from death to life hath bro't me
Son of God with him to be

Come Thou Almighty King (Italian Hymn)

Artist:
Author: Felice de Giardini
Publisher: Words: Public Domain ; Music: Public Domain ;
Copyright Year:
Song Number: 29073

Verse 1

1. Come thou Almighty King
Help us thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious o'er all victorious
Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Verse 2

2. Come thou Incarnate Word
Gird on thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and thy people bless
And give thy Word success
Spirit of holiness on us descend

Verse 3

3. Come Holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart Spirit of pow'r

Verse 4

4. To Thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore

The Church's One Foundation (Aurelia)

Artist:
Author: Samuel John Stone, Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Publisher:
Copyright Year:
Song Number: 55377

Verse 1

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word

2. From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride
With his own blood he bought her
And for her life he died

Verse 2

3. Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord one faith one birth

4. One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

Verse 3

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore

6. Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

Verse 4

7. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won

8. O happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with thee