

WE GET TO GROW IN THE WORD AND PRAYER
9th Week after Pentecost (Aug. 6-12, 2017)

Scripture Memory Verse: John 3:3

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

WE GET TO read, discuss, and apply Romans 9:1-5 together:

- Why does Paul have such anguish in his heart concerning his kinsmen? **Romans 9:30--10:4**. Do you share in Paul's anguish over your own kin or country who don't believe in Jesus? How does God shape your heart and mind when you are troubled by these things? **Romans 8:26-39; 9:1-16; Luke 15:1-7; 1 Peter 5:7-9**
- What were the awesome things that the Israelites got to see from God? What should be their response? What is our faithful response when God blesses and provides for us? **Romans 9:4-5**; Adoption as sons: **Exodus 4:22-23**; Glory: **Exodus 40:34-38**; Covenant: **Genesis 17:1-8; Exodus 24; Jeremiah 31:31-34**; Giving of the law: **Exodus 19:1 – 20:17**; Worship: **Skim Leviticus 1-7**; Promises: **Isaiah 2:1-3; Isaiah 9:6-7**; Patriarchs: **Exodus 3:6; Matthew 1:1-23**; Faithful response: **Psalms 105; Luke 24:44-47; Romans 15:4-6**
- St. Paul had a daring wish, that he would wish to be accursed from Christ if it could mean that it would save His unbelieving kinsmen. Who else had this sacrificial attitude? What was the situation? Who alone can give his life as a ransom on behalf of sinners? **Exodus 32:1-14,30-35; Isaiah 53:4-8 & Galatians 3:13-14; Romans 9:1-3,30-33; 10:1-3**

Let us pray to the Lord (Lord have mercy)

- For all who have baptismal birthdays; for our congregation; for all who are baptized in the Holy Christian Church; that WE daily recognize God's blessings of body and soul, look to Him for all our needs, and give Him thanks for His mercy (**Romans 9:1-16**)
- For Re:Vitality training and efforts in our congregation and among our sister congregations; that God's kingdom would come.
- For our preschool; that God would bless our staff, students, and their families.
- For those who are sick or suffering; including Chuck Bostleman, Betty Bartels, Lora Pittman, Marcia Gobrogge, Jim Shoop, David Russell, Jim Zacharias, Denny Upell, Beth Eaton; that God would relieve and restore them according to His will (**1 Peter 5:6-11**)
- For those who celebrate wedding anniversaries; for those who are married; that they grow in showing love, honor and faithfulness to each other and to the Lord.

The Readings for next Sunday: Job 38:4-18; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33

Baptismal Birthdays this week:

Aug. 11: Dan Seedorf Aug. 12: Rita Kessler, Cooper Butcher

Anniversaries this week:

Aug. 11: Tree & Linda Wineland, Nathan & Brandi Zeiter

(If we missed your anniversary, please forgive us and kindly notify our church office so we can include you in our prayers.)

WE GET TO recite, discuss, and apply Luther's Small Catechism together:
2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

And [I believe] 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, dead, 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.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,
that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

- How does **Romans 9:5** teach us that Jesus is true God and true man at the same time?
- Read **Romans 9:4-5**. What are the awesome things that God gave the Israelites? Say out loud or write down the awesome things that Jesus went through and/or did according to the Apostles' Creed for you.

O Christ, Our True and Only Light (LSB 839)

1. *O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.*
2. *Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.*