

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. 20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD. 21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

EPISTLE: ROMANS 8:12-17

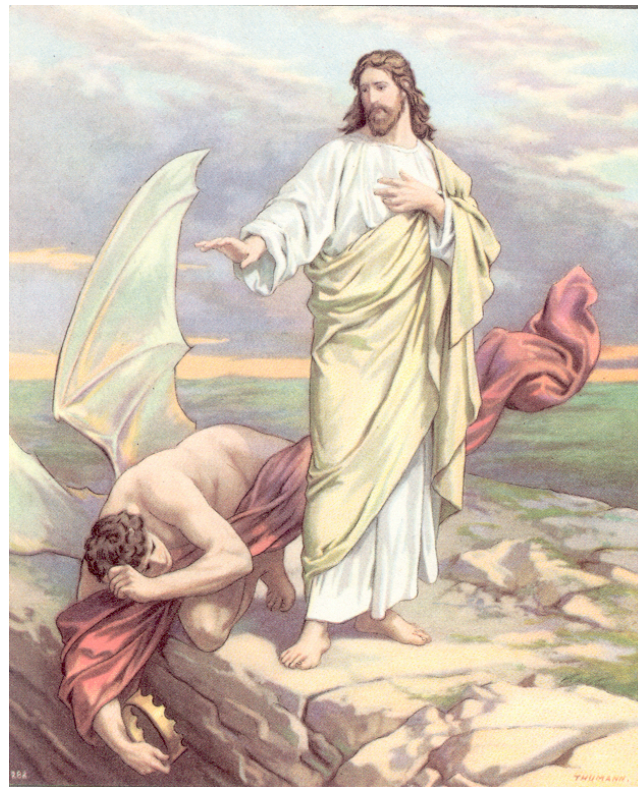
12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.



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The Fruit of the Spirit

Walk as children of light: For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.
Ephesians 5:8f.

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Today's Usher: *Larry England*

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS - are given to the glory of God by Stephen Rengstorf.

**The Association of American Lutheran Churches, the Lutheran Church - Canada, the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, and the Ev. Lutheran Church of Haiti, are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the Missouri Synod.*

THIS WEEK

- no events scheduled

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please continue to pray for our congregation and your fellow members as we slog our way through this pandemic. And in your daily interactions, do what you can to contribute to others' peace of mind.

AN 8 TRINITY PRAYER by Dr. Martin Luther

Ah yes, Lord God, dear Father, hallow your name in us and in all the world. Destroy and smother horror, idolatry, and heresy in government and religion. Also all false teachers or divisive spirits who wrongly bear your name and claim and boast something to be your Word and the command of the church, that is really lies and deceptions of the devil. Under the disguise of your name they mislead many weak souls throughout the world. They persecute, kill, shed innocent blood, thinking thereby to render you a holy service. Amen.

TLH # 261 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD

Martin Luther wrote this hymn, probably in 1541, and titled it, "A Children's Hymn, to be sung against the two arch-enemies of Christ and His holy Church: the Pope and the Turk". It was written to be sung by a boys' choir

at a special service for prayer against the threatening Turkish army. The second line of the first verse, "curb those who fain by craft and sword" is toned down from Luther's original, which says, "restrain the murderous Pope and Turk".

The composer of the tune, "Erhalt uns, Herr", is unknown, but it is thought that it was written by Luther himself for his above hymn. It is based on a plainsong melody.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Psalms - 126-132
- OT - Isaiah 37-43
- NT - Luke 1-7