

Friday, 11/3

Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30.**

Read **Deuteronomy 16:1-20.** Consider how the Lord has blessed you.

Meditate upon God's mercy in redemption and His fury in judgment.

Sing "Barocha." and **Recite** the memory verse for this week.

Pray "Dear Heavenly Father, who has heard our daily prayer "Your kingdom come" and has through Your Holy Spirit made Your children a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, I thank You that at this place, too, You have gathered around the pure Word and unadulterated Sacraments a congregation and that You have led me to become one of its members. Heavenly blessings You send me in this fellowship, as my fellow-Christians and I jointly go to the fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins. We ask You, bless this church most richly. Let the preaching of the Word in our midst be effective, let the prayers we pray come before You as incense, keep alive and active the spirit of brotherly love and helpfulness, stifle in every one of us improper ambitions and sinful pride. Teach us to weep with those who suffer and to rejoice with those that are honored and happy. Add to our number many others that travel to heaven with us along the narrow way. Hear us for the sake of Your dear Son. Amen."

Saturday, 11/4

Read tomorrow's sermon passage **Deuteronomy 17:1-13** and discuss what it means to purge evil from God's people.

Meditate on God's holiness and prepare for gathered worship tomorrow.

"If a man or woman living among you in one of the towns the LORD gives you is found doing evil in the eyes of the LORD your God in violation of his covenant, and contrary to my command has worshiped other gods, bowing down to them or to the sun or the moon or the stars of the sky, and this has been brought to your attention, then you must investigate it thoroughly. If it is true and it has been proved that this detestable thing has been done in Israel, take the man or woman who has done this evil deed to your city gate and stone that person to death. On the testimony of two or three witnesses a man shall be put to death, but no one shall be put to death on the testimony of only one witness. The hands of the witnesses must be the first in putting him to death, and then the hands of all the people. You must purge the evil from among you." 17:2-7

Sing "Amazing Love."

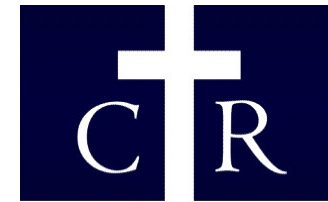
Recite the memory verse for this week.

Pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and family members who are still strangers to Christ that they will be overcome by His grace.

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God commands us to love Him and one another. In fact Scripture is plain that we cannot love God without also demonstrating love for others. How do we live this out in the power of the gospel? How do we understand the cost of living in community without falling into works righteousness? How should we count these costs?

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday, 10/29 Read today's passage: **Deuteronomy 15:1-25** and consider what it means to love God with all that we are.

Sing praise to our King with "Amazing Love." ¹

Recite the memory verse for this week (see box). Why is this important?

Pray, "Lord Jesus, Lover of our souls, take full possession of our hearts today. Make us dwelling places of Your Holy Spirit. Preserve in us a clean heart which loves You and does Your will. Save us from the follies of sin and the despair of a guilty conscience. Keep us free from envy, discontent, bitterness, and strife. Banish all wicked desires from our hearts and grant that in word and deed we may honor You, who has gone to the cross to set us free from the power of Satan and sin. Strengthen and increase our faith and lead us into the paths of righteousness, where we will serve You. Give us grace to grow in knowledge of You and of Your Word that, living to You, we may die daily to sin and the world and serve You with all our hearts. Abide with us, gracious Savior, that we may continue from day to day in Your presence until life's journey is ended and we come into Your presence to praise and glorify You, world without end. Amen." ²

Come to the Reformation Sunday joint service at Second Parish *tonight at 6:00.*

Monday, 10/30 **Read 1 John 3:11-24**. How are we to love one another? What is the reason(s) given for our loving one another?

Sing "Barocha" given for God's people as a blessing given to one another.

Recite the memory verse for this week. How do we consider others' needs?

Pray, for your brothers and sisters at CTR and throughout this region. Ask God to help us consider one another as more important than ourselves.

Tuesday, 10/31 **Read Deuteronomy 15:1-25**. What does it mean for us to remember that God has redeemed us from slavery?

Meditate on God's redemption and His call for us to love others.

Sing "Amazing Love"

Pray for CTR to be a blessing to the city of Portland.

Wednesday, 11/1

Read 1 John 4:11-21. Why do we love others? What has God's love done for us?

Recite the memory verse for this week.

Pray Luther's prayer for a Reformation festival this All Saints Day, "Heavenly Father, Ruler of the Church, we thank You this day for Your unchanging grace in preserving to us Your true Word, wherein we surely know Christ as our Savior from sin and death. We thank You for Your many mercies throughout the years in defending this gospel from all persecution and in raising up great teachers who held Your Church in faithful paths and spread Your gospel with blessed effect. We thank You for the privilege of membership in the great Church Universal to which we are born through the Spirit of Your Son and for the fellowship with all who, following in the footsteps of Your men of old, are dedicated to the truth that we are saved by grace, for Jesus' sake, through faith.

And now we entreat You, most merciful Father, let not the blessings of the past in true doctrine or the privilege of our fellowship of faith go disregarded among us. But rather do teach us Yourself to use the talents thus entrusted to us and with fervent testimony, dauntless courage, and hallowed zeal to give ourselves to the task of bringing the message of forgiveness to the world and of its proving its fruit in love. Let us be kindled to knowledge in Your service even as the heroes of faith in times past. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Amen."

Sing "Barocha."

Thursday, 11/2

Read Hebrews 10:19-25. What is the connection between confidence and considering others?

Meditate on the approaching day of the Lord.

Sing "Amazing Love."

Recite the memory verse for this week.

Pray for the Lord Jesus to come quickly and redeem all His creation.

Memory Verse

(Deuteronomy 15:7b-8)

Do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother, rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs.