

Living for Jesus Means Standing Up for Our Beliefs NOAH

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:10,11

All: Luther's Morning Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Song: God Will Take Care of You (Sheet music available at nethymnal.org)

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain God will take care of you,

Through every day, o'er all the way;

He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when your heart may fail, God will take care of you; When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. Refrain

All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you; Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. Refrain

Student Reader: Genesis 6:9-13

This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth."

Question for Today: Will you stand up for Jesus?

Meditation: Living for Jesus Means Standing Up for Our Beliefs

Mission Offering

Song: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! ye soldiers of the cross; Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss: From vict'ry unto vict'ry, His army shall He lead, Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The trumpet call obey: Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day; Ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes; Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! the strife will not be long; This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song; To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be; He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

Prayer (Ask for prayer requests) and Lord's Prayer:

Lord God, Heavenly Father, you told us that being a Christian would be difficult. Give us the strength to willingly and proudly stand up for you. Protect us with your holy armor that we may stand firm before the enemy and boldly show that we are your children. We ask this in the name of our commander, Jesus Christ. Amen.

This Week's Theme to Remember

LIFT HIGH THE BANNER OF JESUS!

Benediction: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his children with peace.

Song: Living for Jesus



Living for Jesus Means Being God's Friend ABRAHAM

"You are my friends if you do what I command."

John 15:14

Leader: We begin our day and our devotion in the name of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Song: O, How I Love Jesus (Sheet music available at nethymnal.org)

There is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest Name on earth. Refrain:

Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

It tells me what my Father hath in store for every day, And though I tread a darksome path, yields sunshine all the way.

It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

Student Reader: John 15:12-15

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Question: Is Jesus on your list of friends?

Meditation: Living for Jesus Means Being God's Friend

Mission Offering

Song: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Prayer (Ask for prayer requests) and Lord's Prayer

This I believe, yea, rather, of this I make my boast, That God is my dear Father, the Friend who loves me most, And that, whate'er betide me, my Savior is at hand Through stormy seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.

This Week's Theme to Remember

GOD'S OUR BEST FRIEND – EVEN WHEN THINGS GET MESSY!

Benediction

May the Lord bless us and keep us. May he hold us close to his heart. May he one day take us to heaven where we will spend eternity.

Song: Living for Jesus