

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 12:22-34*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to

do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

SERMON NOTES

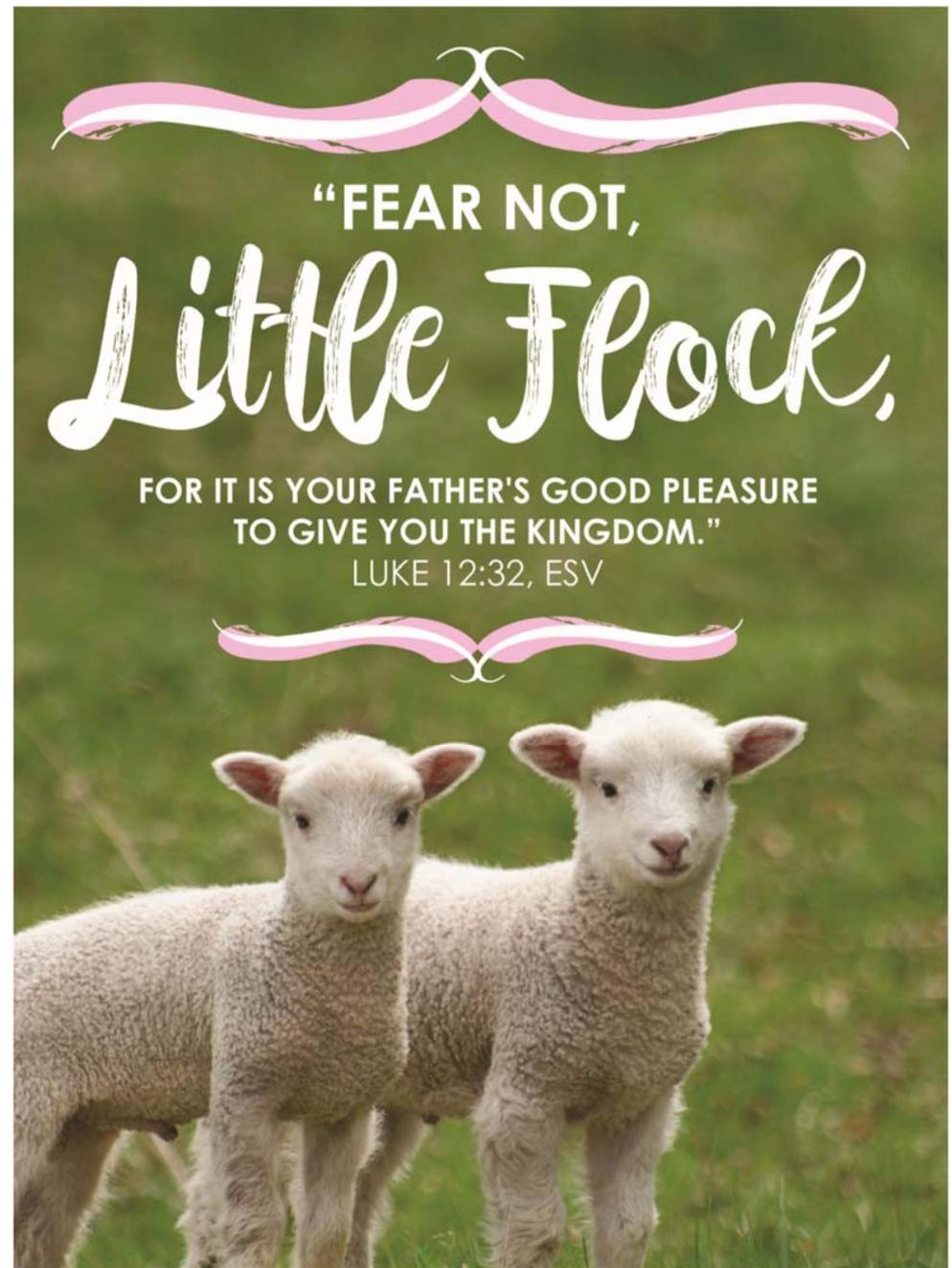
Justified Before God by WHAT??

Text: Genesis 5:1-6

- We find our assurance of being _____ with God not in anything in us, but in God's _____ in Christ.

We don't serve our neighbor to boost our _____ in God; rather, we meet _____ in its ugliness including our own.

As God assures us through the _____ that we are right with him, we are moved to love sinners for _____ sake.



Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Today is Aug. 11, 2019– 9th Sunday after Pentecost
"Justified Before God by WHAT??"- Genesis 15:1-6
Rev. H. Christopher Sheets



THE LORD'S SUPPER *(For those who intend to take communion)*

In I Cor. 11:28-29, the Lord bids baptized Christians who have been instructed about the Lord's Supper to examine themselves before they take Communion.

- 1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I intend to amend my sinful ways?**
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus forgives Me because of his death on the cross?**
- 3. Do I believe I am receiving the true body and blood of Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?**

If you cannot say yes to the three questions above, please see the pastor before communing with us. (Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, including children who are not confirmed.)

Please be Praying for...

GSLC CONGREGATION

NEW: Porter Warner– *in hospital*, Andrew & Kelly Swain– *healing: motorcycle wreck*, Dave Mietzner– *healing: starting chemo and will have to undergo bone marrow transplant.*

SHORT-TERM: Jeff Stutz, Jim Marsh, Randy Mauritzen, Barbara Daniels (Peggy Alsop), Rick Brines, Sheila Arnold

LONG-TERM: Wayne Babb, Autumn Bennett, Blakelee Boring's daughter, Boston, & Family, Joanne Brownlee, Makala Bumgarner, Debi Cate, Karen Colbert, Hope Crawford, Bill Dautrich, Roy Davenport, Kay Dintsch, Bertie Fann, Joan Hearn, Pattie Henze, Desiree Humphrey, Vivian Johnson, Karl & Petie LaRoche, Suzan Marsh, Doris Morris, River Polley & Polley Family, Bob & Roberta Robinson, Lisa Scott, Linda Slaven, Myra Steele, Bob Twomey, Porter Warner, Clyde Whisenant, Bob Wingard

OUR HOMEBOUND: Sheila Arnold, Sandy Babb, Gloria Bevill, Connie Foster, Arlene Feinauer, Betty Frischmann, Bob & Sara Newman, Hilda Ramsey, Sara Reeves, Virginia Smith, Jane Williamson

PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adam, Alex, Alexandria, Andrew, Brenley, Brogen, Chloe, Cole, David, Emily, Evan, Grayson, Jacob, Jenna, Jonathan, Kaitlynn, Malynn, Mary Catherine, Megan,

Mia, Miranda, Moriah, Olivia, Samantha, Sara, Scout, Sophie, Tabitha, Taylor, Tyler

FAMILY MEMBERS

NEW: Bernice Celick (*Gene Ebert's sister*)– *Failing heart; long-term care (Hospice)*

SHORT-TERM: Ray

LONG-TERM: Bud Adkins, Justin Anderson, Bruce Austin, Jeff Austin, Melissa Austin, Joanne Barney, Bethany, Andrea Bird, Pat Boone, Betty Burrell, Carl Charlton, Samuel Charlton, Glenda Clark, Sharon Coleman, Marvin & Mary Nina Davis, Karen Diehm, Diane Dobbs, Lee Ewton, Jesse Frisina, Jessica Fuqua, Rhonda Gilliland, Lee Hane, Hallie, Carl Hepner, Andrea Hoff, Allen Jones & his family, Kurt & Janice, Jerry Lee, Bethany M., Jean & Dale Morris, Rodney Morris, Tommy Newman, Steve Radcliff, Charles Ridley, Ronnie, Ryan Satterfield, Becky Schmitt, Ed Schock, Melanie Skelton, Myra Slaten, Diane Smith, Chelsie Stephens, Arnold Torkelson

COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

NEW: Chip Frann– *healing; having toe(s) amputated.*

SHORT-TERM: Family of Zeke Wilson, J.C. Barker, Marty & Pam Smith, Gus

LONG-TERM: Ray Boman, Brick, Junior Carroll, Ruby Carroll, Maddie Cawood, Rob Chadwick, Dr. Leon Cochran, Shari Cunningham, Elmer, Emma, Ernie, George Fincher, Jerry Gann, Carolyn Gannon, Darrell Harper, Keith Hartline, Kerwin Hetzler, Debe Hodges, Brandy Holtcamp & Family, Don Johnson,

Wright Johnston, Josephine, Kaitlyn, Bob Kennedy, Werner Kierschberg, Sheila Killingsworth, Krista & Family, Lesley, Phil M., James Makres, Lizette Williams-Marlow, Dean Matthew, Ricky McConnell, Cameron Middleton, Lindsey Monbarren, Ron & Judy Nolan, Kevin O'Brien, Karen Ornglas, Pat, Peter, Charles Pfitzer, Jo Pennington, Gordon Phillips, Steve Plott, Carolyn Julian & Gypsy Price, Julie Quick, Rochelle Richardson, Betty S., Gene S., Cathy Sciortino, Rick Sharp, Joyce Sherril, Taylor, Bob Thompson, Floy Wang, Olivia Weatherford, Ben Winne, Terry Whaley, Danny Y.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR

All unspoken prayers in our hearts, Prayers for new DCE/Youth Director, Our school, BCA: prayers for new roof funds, upcoming school year; students & staff. Our Pastors, Grace Place, All the homeless in our area, All marriages & families. All those unemployed. All those battling addictions. All those persecuted. All those actively serving in the Military –*Matthew George, Corey Brown, Christian Warnock, Christina Miller.* Israel & our Political Leaders. Missionaries around the world–*Rachel Meyer in Uganda. Josh Woodrow– Bridge City Church.*

**Please Note: Prayer requests have a time limit. New Prayers are listed for 1 Sunday and then moved to either Short or Long Term. Short-Term is 3 weeks. Long-Term is 6 months. After time limits have passed names will be removed. Please fill out a new prayer request form or call or email the church office. Thank you!*



SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: *Genesis 15:1–6*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

EPISTLE: *Hebrews 11:1–16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

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