

Weekly Message from Pastor Allen

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Dear Friends,

GET READY TO MEET GOD!

1. As you prepare to come to church on Sunday, please pray that God would be present at the service and that you would have the opportunity to meet with Him.
2. After the 10 AM service, I will be eating brunch at my home with a number of folks who have joined our parish since last fall.
3. This Sunday we are collecting for AAA Pregnancy Resource Center . They particularly need size 4 and 5 diapers so if possible, please bring a package to church with you. If you are attending the 7:45 service, bring them with you and give them to me.
4. The Anglican Church of Livonia is now participating in GoodSearch and GoodShop! I encourage you to use the following two links whenever you can.

GoodSearch.com - The search engine with a unique social mission. It's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great search results, and each time you search, GoodSearch makes a donation to your cause!

GoodShop.com - The new online marketplace that donates a percentage of your purchase to the nonprofit or school of your choice. You can choose from hundreds of popular merchants and the experience of shopping through GoodShop is exactly the same as going to the retailer's websites directly.

Marcia reported to me that she downloaded the GoodSearch site onto the office computer and her home computer without any difficulty. She just had to remember to enter the name of our parish (Anglican Church of Livonia) in the correct spot.

The lessons for Sunday are printed below. As I told you last week, I am preaching a sermon series on the Apostles' Creed (which we are saying during the service instead of the Nicene Creed). This week's topic is God the Son.

Yours in Christ,
Allen

Colossians 1:13-20

God the Father has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Psalm 45:1-9

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, *
in your pride and in your majesty.
- 4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth *
and for the sake of justice.
- 5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; *
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.
- 6 The peoples are falling at your feet, *
and the king's enemies are losing heart.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

John 5:19-26

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted

judgement to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.”