

Weekly Message from Pastor Allen

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Dear Friends,

TONIGHT is our **First Thursday Pot Luck and Class** beginning at 6 PM at Trinity Church (34500 Six Mile Road in Livonia). I hope to see many of you there. For the class, beginning at 7 PM, Mike Chirri will assist me in a teaching about **worship**.

Other dates and times to remember:

This coming Sunday, September 7: At the 10 AM service our Guest Preacher will be Pastor Henry Covington from Pilgrim Church in Detroit. About 15 members of his parish will also visit us with him. Following the service everyone is invited to participate in our **Parish Picnic** at the park just north of the Y parking lot. We will be providing hot dogs with all the trimmings and pop. **If you can**, please bring a cold dish or dessert to share.

Next Sunday, September 14: Sunday School begins. Those with children of Sunday School age will soon be receiving a letter with more information. If you have neighbor children or grandchildren, etc., that you would like to bring and would like to see the letter, call the office and a copy of the letter will be sent to you.

Sunday, September 20: Parish information meeting after the 10 AM service for an update on the activities of the **Building Committee**. Since we will be serving a light lunch and beverages, we will have sign up sheets available so we can get a guesstimate of the number who plan to be there.

Lisa and I thank you for your prayers. As we learn more about her condition we will share it with you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Allen

Just two lessons and a psalm this week. They are as follows:

Isaiah 57:14-16

It shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way." For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell

in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend for ever, nor will I always be angry; for from me proceeds the spirit, and I have made the breath of life.”

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God
who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

John 12:27-36

After his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus said to some of his disciples, "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? `Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said this, he departed and hid himself from them.