

THE LORD'S DAY

October 25, 2020

Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come? Why should any living man complain when punished for his sins? Lamentations 3:37-39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Psalms 86:5-6

You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you. Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 40:1

Pastor: *I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. Give praise to the LORD.*

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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How Firm a Foundation

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther Quotes

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD

Luke 8:16-25

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor Mike Schuelke

Jesus Calms the Storm

HYMN OF PRAISE

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A Mighty Fortress

BENEDICTION

Psalms 31:24, 32:7

*Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.
God You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.*

GLORIA PATRI

Martin Luther Quotes

That the Bible is God's Word and book I prove thus: All things that have been, and are, in the world, and the manner of their being, are described in the first book of Moses on the creation; even as God made and shaped the world, so does it stand to this day. Infinite potentates have raged against this book, and sought to destroy and uproot it—king Alexander the Great, the princes of Egypt and of Babylon, the monarchs of Persia, of Greece, and of Rome, the emperors Julius and Augustus—but they nothing prevailed; they are all gone and vanished, while the book remains, and will remain for ever and ever, perfect and entire, as it was declared at first. Who has thus helped it—who has thus protected it against such mighty forces? No one, surely, but God himself, who is the master of all things. And 'tis no small miracle how God has so long preserved and protected this book; for the devil and the world are sore foes to it. I believe that the devil has destroyed many good books of the church, as, aforetime, he killed and crushed many holy persons, the memory of whom has now passed away; but the Bible he was fain to leave subsisting.

The Holy Scriptures are full of divine gifts and virtues. The books of the heathen taught nothing of faith, hope, or charity; they present no idea of these things; they contemplate only the present, and that which man, with the use of his material reason, can grasp and comprehend. Look not therein for aught of hope or trust in God. But see how the Psalms and the Book of Job treat of faith, hope, resignation, and prayer; in a word, the Holy Scripture is the highest and best of books, abounding in comfort under all afflictions and trials. It teaches us to see, to feel, to grasp, and to comprehend faith, hope, and charity, far otherwise than mere human reason can; and when evil oppresses us, it teaches how these virtues throw light upon the darkness, and how, after this poor miserable existence of ours on earth, there is another and an eternal life.

The Table Talks consist of transcriptions of some of Luther's discourse while at table, written down by various regular guests at his home.