

## This Week's Words for Meditation

### Do Not Be Anxious

*"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."*  
Luke 12:32

Anxiety is a big issue in life for many people. It is fostered by concern over our health, our family, our job, and our financial security. Anxiety can drive us into thinking that we are responsible for getting ourselves out of whatever mess we're in. As we attempt to get out of the quagmire of our anxiety, we only seem to succeed in plunging ourselves deeper.

Anxiety is really a matter of misplaced trust—trusting ourselves instead of God. We find it difficult to take God at His Word, trusting that He knows what we need. How could a God who seems so remote know the ordeals that we have to suffer on the human scene? In answer to our doubts about God's care for us, we build up our own self-sufficient kingdoms— in which we are the masters of our destiny. We try to be the creators of our own lifestyles and providers for all our desires and needs. We slave away at getting the things that make for the good life.

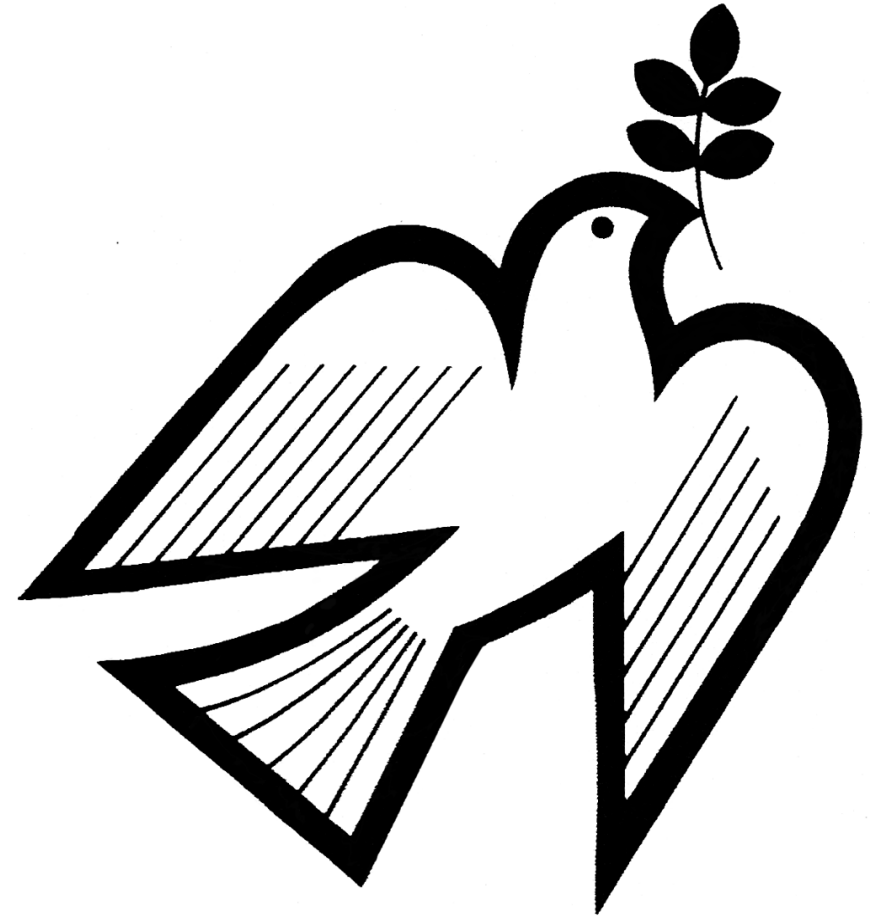
Slaving away is probably the best description because it aptly describes our condition before God. We are enslaved to sin, to our evil desires, to our self-centeredness. We try to earn what we deserve—and we succeed because we have earned death.

Our trust has been misplaced. And our anxiety grows. But God in His lavish love gives us the gift of His kingdom. It is to be His kingdom, not ours; His righteousness, not our pride or efforts. God, "who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all" (Romans 8:32), gives us the kingdom of His grace, mercy, and forgiveness. His Son, Jesus, took a cross, the load of our sin, and cruel death to free us from anxiety, to relieve us of the burden of trying to play king of our own kingdoms. Through Christ's death and resurrection we have been made children of God, inheritors of the kingdom of God. We can trust our Lord to provide for us. Thus we follow in the footsteps of His lavish love.

**With You, Lord, I have cast my lot;  
O faithful God, forsake me not,  
To You my soul commending.  
Lord, be my stay And lead the way  
Now and when life is ending. Amen.**

("In You, I Have Put My Trust," by Adam Reusner)

*Henry Gerike*



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**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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**WORSHIP THEME: "Do Not Be Anxious"**

**Welcome Visitors!** To all who enter the doors of this church, we extend a special greeting. It is our sincere desire that you will find warmth and fellowship here, and that God may give you a beautiful Sabbath day. Please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex, giving your address (including apartment number) and zip code. Please come and worship with us again!



**Altar Flowers** are placed to the glory of God by George and Linda Price in celebration of their 49th Wedding Anniversary.

**TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE**

*(The Order of Service for today is Divine Service Setting One and can be found on Page 151 in the Lutheran Service Book.)*

**+ We Lift Our Hearts In Worship +**

**Pre-Service Music and Prayer Time** (Please observe a quiet time prior to the service to allow for private prayers and meditation.)

**+ WELCOME AND GREETING +**

**Opening Hymn: #728LSB "How Firm a Foundation"**

*How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?*

*"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"*

*"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.*

*"Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."*

**The Invocation** (p. 151) (Spoken)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will  
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**The Confession and Absolution** (p. 151) (Spoken)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and  
unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by  
what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not  
loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.  
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive  
us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and  
walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake  
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by  
His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and  
of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Introit of the Day-Psalm 147:8-11; antiphon Psalm 147:7** (Spoken responsively)

P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

**C: He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain  
for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.**

P: He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

**C: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

P: but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**C: Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

**Praise Hymn: #107BoB "I Love You, Lord"**

*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice  
to worship You, O my soul rejoice.  
Take joy my King in what You hear,  
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

(Repeat Once)

**The Salutation and Collect of the Day** (p. 156)

The LORD be with you.

(Spoken) **And also with You.**

Let us pray... (*Pastor prays the Collect*) Almighty and merciful God, it is by your grace that we live as your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Spoken) **A-men.**

**The Readings from God's Word**

**The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV p. 10)**

***God's Covenant with Abram***

<sup>1</sup> 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."<sup>2</sup> 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?"<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."<sup>4</sup> 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."<sup>5</sup> 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."<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-16 (ESV p. 1007)**

***By Faith***

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.<sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation.<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> 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.<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> 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.

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** (p. 156) (Sung)

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-34 (35-40) (ESV p. 871)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

(Spoken) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Do Not Be Anxious**

<sup>22</sup> And he 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. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> 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! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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! <sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

<sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

***You Must Be Ready***

<sup>35</sup> "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

This is the Gospel of our LORD.

(Spoken) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Children's Message** (Parents are encouraged to bring children forward.)

**The Message Hymn: #735LSB "Have No Fear Little Flock"**

*Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!*

*Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!*

*Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!*

*Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!*

**The Message for the Day: "Do not be anxious - Instead, seek His kingdom"**

**The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** (Spoken) (p. 159)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Gathering of Offerings for the LORD's Work**

**The Prayers** (after each petition, please respond with - "Hear our Prayer")

**The LORD's Prayer** (p.162) (Spoken)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Benediction** (p.166)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

(Sung) **A-men.**

**The Closing Hymn: #924LSB "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

*Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.*

*Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.*

**The Sending**









