

## SERMON RECAP: "THANK THE LORD FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE" – PSALM 107

*For reflection:*

1. Four different groups of people
  - a. The desert wanderers
  - b. The rebellious prisoners
  - c. The suffering fools
  - d. The seafaring businessman
2. A common deliverance and a common love
3. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so

## THIS WEEK

### **AWANA, PRAYER MEETING, YOUTH GROUP RESUME THIS WEEK:**

Our Wednesday Family activities start again tonight at 6:30 pm. Our next Family Meal is next week (December 5<sup>th</sup>).

### **REMINDER – NO BRUNCH THIS WEEK, THERE WILL BE SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

A quick reminder that there will NOT be a brunch after worship this week, because we just had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Our monthly brunch will resume in January. We will have our regular Sunday School classes this week!

### **LORD'S SUPPER THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2:**

During worship we will come to the Lord's Supper this Sunday. After communion we will have our regular offering of thanks, which will go to help Emmalee Lehman's mission work in Germany this month. To get a permanent visa she needs to increase her support to a level the German government considers to be "self-sustaining" (that is, above the cutoff level for state welfare). So, Emmalee needs to raise some more funds for the current year. Our offering will help her with that.

Here is a thought to help you as you prepare to come to this table of grace: Isaiah 25:6-9 contains a promise – that one day there will be a great feast. Why is that so noteworthy? Because His people had taken His presence for granted, had come to look at the land that produced abundantly as an entitlement, and had not recognized or acknowledged their need to obey and live before God. This was a promise that would be longed for. Jesus came giving that same promise to the centurion who came to him in faith. In joy over seeing the centurion's faith, Jesus said "many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven". He, and all His people, will be at that table because He brings us by his atoning body and blood. Think afresh about that truth – that you and I don't deserve a place at that feast. Yet, Christ brings us in faith and repentance to it, and gives us this Supper to assure us and strengthen our faith.

## OTHER NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### ANGEL TREE GIFTS:

Thank you to everyone who selected a child and has bought an Angel Tree gifts! We are missing information on three tags – if you took a child's name and didn't write it down on the sheet, please get in touch with Kris Kauffman (717.278.6682, or [leek@epix.net](mailto:leek@epix.net)).

The gifts need to be brought to church **on December 9<sup>th</sup>**, so they can be delivered. All of the families are in the Lancaster/Willow Street/Strasburg area. If you would like to deliver the gift you purchased, that would be wonderful – please let Kris know.

If you can help deliver gifts, also please call Kris! I know from last year that it's a great joy to see the surprise and happiness on a child's face when they receive a gift from their parent who is away in prison. And, you have a chance to explain to the parent at home the hope you have in Christ, and the reason for doing this.

### UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the children's choir will sing during the worship service.

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, instead of our regular activities we will go Christmas Caroling for people in personal and skilled care at QPRC, followed by refreshments here at the church.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our Christmas service with special music from both the Hand Bells and Choir.

And finally, December 24<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Christmas Eve service.

Please mark these dates on your calendar!