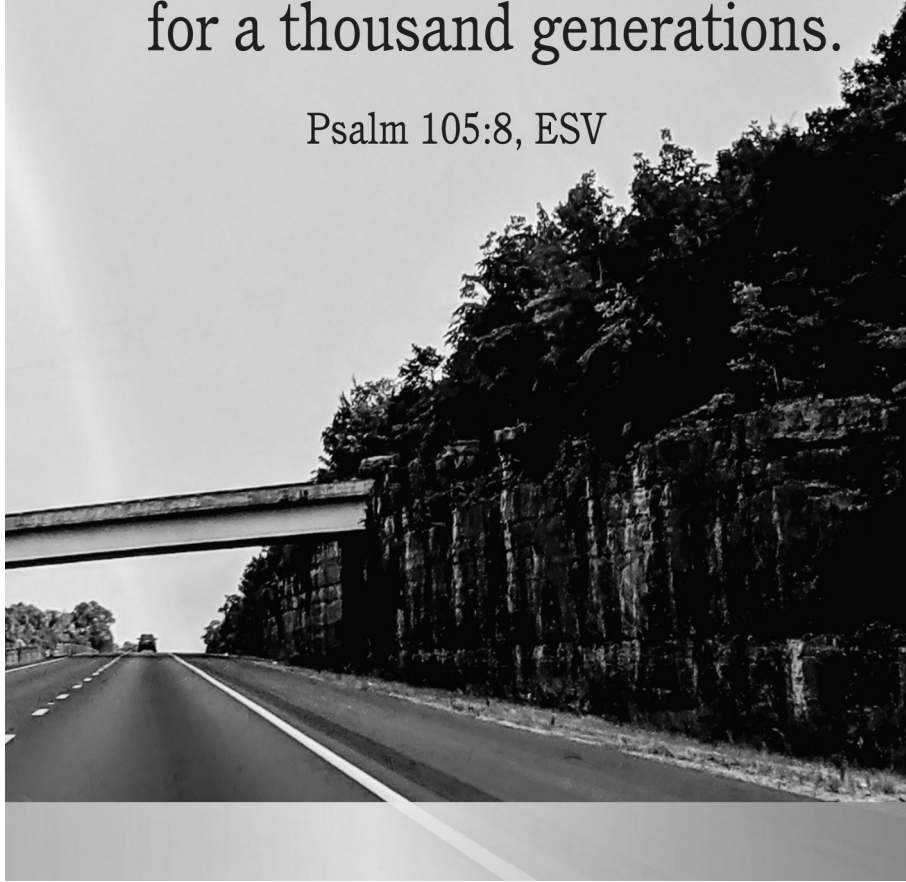


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the word that he commanded,
for a thousand generations.

Psalm 105:8, ESV



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As We Gather

How good is your memory? Whether you can recall your childhood phone number or can't remember why you walked into the room, one truth remains: we all forget. And spiritually, forgetfulness can be dangerous—leading us away from God's promises. But today's verse from Psalm 105:8 brings comfort: "He remembers His covenant forever." Our hope doesn't rest on our ability to remember, but on God's perfect memory. In Christ, God has kept His promise—redeeming us, forgiving us, and calling us His own. As we worship today, we rejoice in the God who never forgets His people and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

36 – Now Thank We All Our God

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in Christ, as we gather to reflect on the steadfast covenant of our gracious God—a covenant He remembers forever—we must also confess how easily we forget. We forget His mercy, stray from His commandments, and break faith with the One who has redeemed us by the blood of Christ. Let us then come before God with humble hearts, confessing our sins and pleading for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Lord, You have called us to be Your own—chosen, redeemed, and set apart— Yet we confess that we have not lived as Your covenant people. We have forgotten Your promises, doubted Your faithfulness, and turned to our own ways rather than walking in Yours. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who shed His blood to establish the new and everlasting covenant, forgive us. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and make us ever mindful of Your grace.**



P The Lord our God is faithful to His covenant. Though we forget, He remembers. Though we are unfaithful, He remains faithful. He has redeemed you with the blood of Christ, your great High Priest, and has cleansed your conscience before God. Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

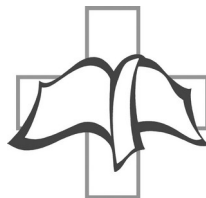
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷ The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.



Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

¹¹ But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Passion History Reading

The Guiltless for the Guilty

The Jews were the more fierce, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.”

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and the scribes stood there and vehemently accused Him. Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate. That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for before that they had been at enmity with each other.

Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, said to them, “You have brought this Man to me as one who misleads the people, and indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him. No, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him, and indeed nothing worthy of death has been done by Him. I will therefore chastise Him and release Him.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished, whomever they requested. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow-insurrectionists. He had been thrown into prison for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder. And the multitude cried aloud and began

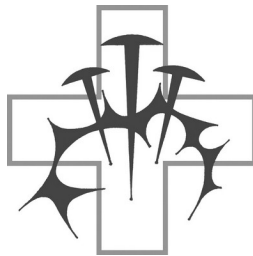
to ask Pilate to do just as he had always done for them. For it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast. Therefore when they had gathered together, Pilate answered them, saying, “You have a custom, that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ? For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man; for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”

But the chief priests and elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” Then they all cried out at once, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas. Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas.”

Pilate therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. He said to them, “What then do you want me to do with Jesus, who is called Christ, Him whom you call the King of the Jews?” And they all shouted, “Let Him be crucified!” The governor said to them, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go.” But they were insistent. They cried out more exceedingly, demanding with loud voices, “Let Him be crucified!” And the voices of these men and of the chief priest prevailed.

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but that rather a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it.” And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and on our children!” And wanting to gratify the crowd, Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested, and he released Barabbas to them, who for insurrection and murder had been thrown into prison.



Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn

149 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Sermon Text

Psalm 105:8

He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations.



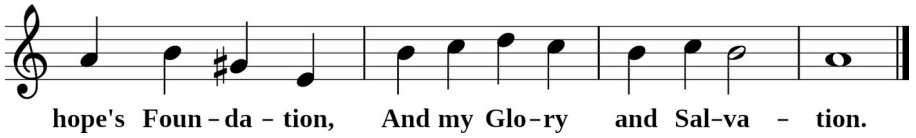
Sermon

Remember the Covenant

Offertory

TLH 179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,
King of Grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures
Have no pow'r Thee to ef - face. This the su - per -
scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my



hope's Foun - da - tion, And my Glo - ry and Sal - va - tion.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

370 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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