

There's a Psalm for This

It's a bit surprising to think that this is the next-to-last time I'll be writing to you in this newsletter. What started as a way to keep informed without the Sunday bulletin and maybe bring some hope through the Psalms has turned into something a lot more consistent than I expected! (Which led to it getting a lot harder to pick a psalm each week after working through about half of them in this past year and a half.)

So for this week, Psalm 58 speaks to the feeling of “wrong-ness” when situations don't match what we want them to be. For David, this was the time when he was running from King Saul, out to kill him because Samuel anointed David king. David expected the quiet, comfortable life of a shepherd; instead, he's on the run from his best friend's dad.

Psalm 58 (CEB)

For the music leader. Do not destroy. A psalm of David, a miktam.

Do you really speak what is right, you gods? Do you really judge humans fairly?
No: in your hearts you plan injustice; your hands do violence on the earth.

The wicked backslide from the womb; liars go astray from birth.
Their venom is like a snake's venom—like a deaf cobra's—one that shuts its ears
so it can't hear the snake charmer's voice or the spells of a skillful enchanter.

God, break their teeth out of their mouths! Tear out the lions' jawbones, Lord!
Let them dissolve like water flowing away.

When they bend the bow, let their arrows be like headless shafts.
Like the snail that dissolves into slime, like a woman's stillborn child,
let them never see the sun.

Before your pots feel the thorns, whether green or burned up,
God will sweep them away!

But the righteous will rejoice when they see vengeance done,
when they wash their feet in the blood of the wicked.

Then it will be said:

“Yes, there is a reward for the righteous!

Yes, there is a God who judges people on the earth.”

It's easy to despair when unexpected things come. It's easy for us to turn around and say, “What good are gods, anyways!?” But, incredibly vivid language about those who speak untruths aside, the important thing for us to remember is that when we follow God, even when the world seems out of control, God is the one who works things out in the world for the good of God's people!

We're all facing a time of transition, and no one has all the answers. But all we can do is focus ourselves on the one who is the answer, trusting the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to lead us to the place where God is calling.

Pastor Mike Galica

Holy Cross Announcements

We're in the **Season after Pentecost**, a time in the church year of studying the Scriptures in order to learn to follow Jesus more closely. Our paraments are green to symbolize growing more Christ-like each day.

The **Bear River Health Department** is administering COVID-19 vaccinations to all those over 12! For more information and to check availability, visit <https://brhd.org/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

Pastor Mike and Michelle's **Farewell Reception** will be this Sunday, November 14, from noon to 2 PM. (Pastor Mike's last Sunday is November 21.)

If you're a Thrivent member, you may have **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to distribute! Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you are eligible.

If you want to give an offering to the church but are either unable to or don't feel comfortable with attending in person, you can mail it to PO Box 732, Brigham City UT, 84302. The post office box gets checked regularly and your giving will be secure.

Sunday School for children is recessed.

Adult Sunday School videos are posted to the church's YouTube page on Sunday mornings until November 21, when it will be recessed.

Holy Cross Quilters meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 am

This Week's Readings:

25th Sunday after Pentecost – *Amos: Justice Rolls Down* – Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15,21-25; John 7:37-44

Next Week's Readings:

Christ the King Sunday – *Isaiah: A Child is Born* – Isaiah 9:1-7; John 8:12-20



Prayer List

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — Phil 4:6

Keep the following in your prayers

Family and Friends of Brenda, Pastor Mike's cousin, who passed away.

Shirley, Pastor Mike's great-aunt, with heart and lung issues.

Matt Long, Andrea's brother, for healing and a successful surgery.

Matt, Deborah Kay's cousin, for healing.

Tyson, Michelle's dad's friend's son, for mental health.

Our vulnerable populations, especially those with underlying health conditions, the homeless, and those lacking access to proper medical care in this time.

Trudee Klein, friend of Deborah Kay, for healing from cancer.

Tom & Jeanette Croft, friend of Kosbabs, for healing.

Abby Rasmussen and family, friends of Kosbabs, as she struggles with cystic fibrosis.

John Buist, our custodian, for continued health problems.

Lynne, Robert Quick's wife, with health issues.

Aleasa, Robert Quick's daughter, with health issues.

Gloria Perry, for healing from health problems.

Box Elder County Jail Ministry, that the inmates may respond to the Gospel.

Give thanks to God

Elizabeth Taylor, Jenny's friend, is home from the hospital!

Alan, Pastor Mike's cousin, is home and doing well.

Holly, Bob Kosbab's cousin's daughter, is home from the hospital!

Claudia Long, Andrea's mom, is doing much better but still needs prayer for strength and health.

Keep those in prayer who are in harm's way

Medical professionals and all who are continuing to work during this pandemic.

Braxton Jeppsen, serving in the US Navy.

Let Pastor Mike know if there are any petitions you wish to add to our Prayer List. If you added someone to the prayer list, please update us on how they are doing! We love to celebrate praises as well as petitions. Out of concern for people's privacy, we no longer speak people's names in the worship service, but we continue to pray for all their needs and concerns.