

WEEKLY MANNA

Welcome to The Father's House



Scripture Readings

Old Testament
Isaiah 6:1-8;

New Testament
Romans 8:12-17;

Psalm
Psalm 29

Gospel
John 3:1-17

Trust Unreservedly That You Are Loved

by Henry Nouwen

The word faith is often understood as accepting something you can't understand. People often say: "Such and such can't be explained, you simply have to believe it." However, when Jesus talks about faith, he means first of all to trust unreservedly that you are loved, so that you can abandon every false way of obtaining love. That's why Jesus tells Nicodemus that, through faith in the descending love of God, we will be set free from anxiety and violence and will find eternal life. It's a question here of trusting in God's love. The Greek word for faith is *pistis*, which means, literally, "trust."

Whenever Jesus says to people he has healed: "Your faith has saved you," he is saying that they have found new life because they have surrendered in complete trust to the love of God revealed in him.

Taken from <https://henrinouwen.org/resources/daily-meditation/>

Today's Question:

How has today's reflection spoken to you? Share with someone.

Prayer for the Week - A prayer from 5th century AD by Augustine of Hippo:

Grant me, even me, my dearest Lord,
to know You, and love You, and rejoice in You.

Let the love of You grow every day more and more in me, that my joy may be full in you.

From the Pastor's Desk...



Hey guys, I know the vaccination appointments for your parents is causing a lot of stress, especially when the social media is saturating the air with horror stories, complaints, videos and photos of crowds.

Let's not be caught up with this wave of fear or be a contributor to it.

As children of God let us intentionally be a source of encouragement, affirmation and comfort in this culture of fear. This, I believe, should be our witness in these times.

The vaccination program volunteers and doctors are doing their best. They are surrounded by crowds constantly asking questions, all kind of fears and anxieties cast on them for 7 hours a day.

I sympathize with them. If they get irritated, or at times, lose their temper, don't take it personally, I feel for them. I don't think I could do any better, probably worse, in such a situation. So, trust them that they are doing their best, try not to add to more stress and chaos if l possible.

We are not going for a vacation at Club Med where we paid a hand and a foot and therefore feels right to make demands for good service.

If we go, be prepared for a long wait, expect a long wait. Set your expectations LOW, then you won't be angry when your prophecy comes to pass. But you will be pleasantly surprised and thankful when things are not so bad!

You only need to go twice, then done! Bear with it with thankfulness and fortitude.

The choice is simple. To go or not to go.

If you choose to go, go with fortitude. Try not to complain and curse and spread more horror stories.

If you can't, then don't go.

In addition, we can make ourselves useful. I salute those who even volunteered to fetch old people for their vaccinations. Grab drivers willing to take them and assure them all through the journey. When you are there, be helpful to those old people who are alone and feel lost, be a source of comfort to them. Talk to them, keep them occupied.

Let's be a source of comfort and encouragement, a light in the darkness.
Let Christ be seen in us.

Rev. Thomas Low



"To invite people into the Reign of God, encourage them to grow in the Body of Christ, equip them to be sent into the World in the power of the Spirit. "As the Father has sent me I am sending you." John 20:21"



BLC Service livestream starts @ 10.00 am (+8 GMT).
Do tune in from 9.45 am onwards to catch up on announcements.
Click on the Youtube button to go to BLC's channel.

ON DECK for June 6 & June 13

6 June 2021

Pentecost 3 & Holy Communion Sunday

Speaker: Rev. Thomas Low

Worship Lead: Nelson

Switcher: Sia

Audio engineer: Joshua

Video: Chin Hor

Scripture Readings:

OT: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15);

OR Genesis 3:8-15;

Psalms: Psalm 138; OR Psalm 130;

NT: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

13 June 2021

Pentecost 4 Sunday

Speaker: Ps. Takeshi

Worship Lead: Mei Li

Switcher: Sia

Audio engineer: Joshua

Video: Chin Hor

Scripture Readings

OT: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 or Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms: Psalm 20 or Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

NT: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

*The celebration of Communion
is held on the
1st Sunday of each month.*

Close Encounter of the Covid Kind



*"He who dwells in the shelter
of the Most High*

*will abide in the shadow
of the Almighty.*

*2 I will say to the Lord, "My
refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I
trust."*

*3 For he will deliver you
from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly
pestilence. Psalm 91:1-3*

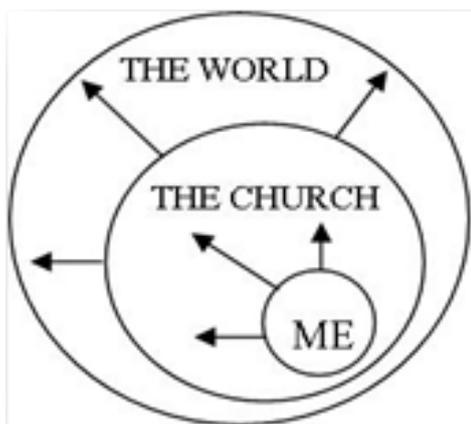
Bro. Erik Lai recounts the recent challenge his family had...

Just want to share my experience and close encounter with Covid. When our youngest son was tested positive for Covid, we were terrified and shocked beyond belief. Oh no God, why and how can this happen to us? For the next 2 weeks, our lives were turn upside down and shaken to the core.

Having been in extreme close and direct contact with a Covid positive patient for 21 days in the confined space of our home, I have learnt what it is to be living at the fringe of life and death. When my son lost his sense of taste and smell, had uncontrollable cough and sore throat, all we could do is to pray and cry for mercy and healing from God. Throughout the home quarantine period, the only physical barrier that separate our family from the Covid virus is the room door of my son's room. We had no choice but shared and breathed the same air inside the house. From the beginning to the end of the home quarantine, we believe that God stood between us and Covid. If not for His grace and protection, we would be infected as well.

Within 14 days my son was totally healed and completely recovered from Covid. As precaution, we asked him to self quarantine for another 7 days. It is God who delivered us from the fowler's snare and pestilence as in Psalm 91. We are truly thankful and grateful for all your prayers and concern. All praise and glory to God!

Erik Lai and his family are a part of BLC Family. He serves as a National Director for Lutheran Hour Malaysia. Lutheran Hour Malaysia endeavours to share God's love, serve, support and equip the believers with resources to make an eternal difference. Check it out at: <https://www.lhm.org/>



"The BLC Missions Collections are supporting the following:

- > Batu 20, OA Congregation*
- > United Voice – Moh Foong*
- > Bible Translation Researchers*
- > Alongsiders (<http://alongsiders.org>)*

Prayer

- That the people of God will be even more fervent in prayer.*

World & Malaysia

- For the pandemic situation in our nation, and worldwide. Continuing in prayer for India as well.*
- For the frontliners who have been working tirelessly, and healing for those infected.*
- Vaccination program to be carried out safely and efficiently.*
- For those injured in the recent LRT accident.*

Economy

- Economic stability despite implementation of lockdowns. God's provision for those who lost their jobs.*

Leadership

- That God will raise up righteous and able leaders and good governance.*

Families

- Peace at homes especially to those who work and study at home. Students and teachers who are affected by the lockdowns and those who are undergoing major exams this year.*
- For those with health challenges in our midst and their caregivers.*

Prayer support.

We want to support you in prayer. Do send in your requests via whatsapp to Ps Thomas, Adeline or Council.



"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world."

Karl Barth

Prayer links



**Lectio 365
24-7 Prayer**



**Malaysia United
Firewall**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLC Zoom Events in BLC Community

C.H.A.O.S (Youth) - Chee Kah
30th May @ 8:30pm, Sunday

Tuesday Night Bible s - Janelle
1st June @ 8:30pm

Men's Group - Larry
2nd June @ 8.15 pm, Wednesday

Friday Bible Study - Davin
11 June @ 8.30 pm

Children Ministry's Zoom Classes
6 June @ 9.30 am to 10.00 am
Alpha Class (0 to 4 years) - Carmen
Omega Class (5 to 8 years) - Sheh Ren

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