**For All the Saints – Week of Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

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**“For Thine Is the Kingdom”**

Dear friends,

Thank you for your patience, as this email comes to you later in the week than usual. Beginning next week, we will be improving the look of our email communication, and we’ll be splitting this email into two… To make our communication shorter and easier to scroll through, you’ll receive one email with upcoming events, and another with a brief devotional or informative article and the daily Scripture readings for the week. Both will ordinarily still arrive on Wednesdays.

This Sunday is the final week in our series on the Lord’s Prayer. We’ll look at the final petition, “deliver us from evil,” along with the doxology to the prayer, “For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.” A doxology comes from the root “dox,” which means “power/glory,” and is a liturgical prayer or hymn to God. The final part of the Lord’s Prayer, as we know it, is a doxology that may have been part of the original prayer, or may have been added by Christians in the early church as they used this prayer in worship. It is highly biblical, in that some ancient texts include it in the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew; and even if it is not original to Matthew, it is a paraphrase of a prayer of King David in 1 Chronicles 29:11-13.

Here is my question for you: In our most frequently repeated prayer, we affirm that everything of importance belongs to God… The kingdom, the power, and the glory… What about your life? Don’t you belong to God? How might you be seeking to take back God’s rule, God’s power, and God’s glory, for yourself? We’ll explore further on Sunday!

God bless,

Pr John

**Scriptures for this Week:**

* **Thursday, March 19**
  + Isaiah 30:15-18
  + Hebrews 4:1-13
  + Psalm 51:1-12
* **Friday, March 20**
  + Exodus 30:1-10
  + Hebrews 4:14-5:4
  + Psalm 51:1-12
* **Saturday, March 21**
  + Habakkuk 3:2-13
  + John 12:1-11
  + Psalm 51:1-12
* **Sunday, March 22**
  + Jeremiah 31:31-34
  + Psalm 51:1-12 *(Note: Used in worship)*
  + Hebrews 5:5-10
  + John 12:20-33 *(Note: Matthew 6:9-15)*
* **Monday, March 23**
  + Isaiah 43:8-13
  + 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
  + Psalm 119:9-16
* **Tuesday, March 24**
  + Isaiah 44:1-8
  + Acts 2:14-24
  + Psalm 119:9-16
* **Wednesday, March 25**
  + Haggai 2:1-9, 20-30
  + John 12:34-50
  + Psalm 119:9-16

**Schedule for this Week:**

**Wednesday, Mar 11th**  
   
6:15pm                    **Lenten Dinner**  
7:00-8:00pm  **Lenten Service**  
                                  Divorce Care Support Group (Prayer Rm)  
                                  Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
   
**Thursday, Mar 12th**  
   
7:00-9:00pm         Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
   
**Saturday, Mar  14th**  
8:00am                   Men's Bible Study  
6:00-9:00pm         **Youth Spaghetti Dinner/Auction**  
   
**Sunday, Mar 15th**  
   
   
    8:45-9:45am     Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:00-10:45am     Sunday School 5yr-2nd Grade (CLC Rm 12)  
                                 Sunday School 3rd to 5th Grade (Jr. High Rm)  
                                 Jr. High & Sr. High (Sr. Rm)                                              
                                 Adult Bible Study Class (Library)  
          10:15am        **New Members Class** (Counters Rm)                                 
11:00-12:00pm     Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)  
             3:00pm     Confirmation Class (Jr. Rm)  
    4:00-6:00pm    Jr. High 4th thru 8th Grade (Jr. Rm)  
    5:00-7:00pm     Sr. High (Sr. Rm)