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change*

Week of Lent 2: Change of Habit

Bad habits are hard to break. The letter to the Galatians urges us to replace them with the fruits of the Spirit. Love, patience, generosity, and self-control are just some of the good habits practiced by those whose foundation is built on Christ.

Opening Dialogue

(Isaiah 2:3, 60:19)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob.
That he may teach us his ways;
that we may walk in his paths.
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
The Lord will be our everlasting light,
and our God will be our glory.

Prayer of the Day

(Galatians 5:22-25)

O God our strength, you are the foundation of our lives. Build up in us the habits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Guide us by your Spirit and teach us your ways, that we embody your love to all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Hymn

“Build Us Up, Lord” ELW 670

Psalm 1

¹Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
**or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,**

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
**and on his law they meditate day
and night.**

³They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so
**but are like chaff that the wind
drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in
the judgment
**nor sinners in the congregation of
the righteous,**

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the
righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm Prayer

Eternal God, in your loving wisdom you set us beside the fountain of life, like a tree planted by running streams. Fill us with delight in your teaching, that we may bear fruit in every season of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Reading

Galatians 5:16-25

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy,^[a] drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:46-49

[Jesus said] “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸ That one is like a man building a house who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built.^[a] ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it quickly collapsed, and great was the ruin of that house.”

Hymn

“Let us Ever Walk With Jesus,” ELW 802