



**“Born Again To a Living Hope Through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. ”
I Peter 1:3**

**CENTRAL ILLIOIS DISTRICT CONVENTION-LCMS
July 5-7, 2009**

DEVOTIONS

Monday, July 6, 8:00 a.m.

In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LSB # 575

1. My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain.**

Psalm 25:1-7 (NIV) responsively by whole verse.

L. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

R. In you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

L. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

R. Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

L. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are my God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

R. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

L. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

R. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Meditation: “The Gift of Hope”

I Peter 1:3. “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Prayers

Hymn 575, cont'd

3. His oath, His covenant and blood, Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain.**

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! **Refrain.**

Benediction.

Closing of Morning Session on Monday, 11:55

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB # 803

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Please stand.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountain head of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

Prayer

Opening of Afternoon Session on Monday 1:15

Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory” LSB # 850

1. God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story: Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us, Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
3. Cure Your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation, To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation, Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Prayer

Monday Afternoon Devotion. Installation of Officers 4:20

In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: “Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB #783

1. Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be, Filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my silver and gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Psalm 33:18-22 (ESV) responsively by whole verse.

L. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

R. that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

L. Our souls wait for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

R. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

L. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

R. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Meditation: "Because of Our Hope, Our Labor Is Not In Vain"

I Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain."

The Rite of Installation.

Prayers

Hymn 783, cont'd

5. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee.

Benediction

Monday Closing 9:30

Our convention theme speaks of our **living hope**. Can a Christian still have hope when he/she experiences suffering and various trials? Hope is severely challenged at such times. That is when those questions arise. How can a loving God allow this in my life? Isn't God giving me more than I can bear? Hear what St. Paul writes in *Romans 5:1-5*

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the **hope** of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, **hope**. And **hope** does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”

Psalm 46:1-5 (ESV). Read responsively by whole verse.

L. As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

R. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

L. My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

R. These things I remember, as I pour out my soul; how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

L. Why are you cast down O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

R. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn: “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” LSB #750, verses 1, 3, 7.

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love, Builds on the rock that naught can move.

3. Be patient and await His leisure, In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure, And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known, to him who chose us for His own.

7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need, The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Prayer.

Tuesday Morning Memorial Service 8:00

In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: “For All The Saints” LSB # 677, verses 1-3, 4-5,7

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light, Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Meditation: “The Hope of Eternal Life”

I Peter 1:3-5: “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope; through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”

Psalm 23. (KJV) In unison.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with

oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer

Hymn 677, cont'd

4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine, Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

Tuesday Noon. Closing of the Convention. 11:50-Noon

Hymn: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB # 842, verses 1,2,4.

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2. As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live,
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty, Held in solemn trust will be.

4. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing, That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant out hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

Brief Meditation: “Living Hope-filled Lives”

I Peter 1:13-16. “Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’” *Hebrews 10:23-24.* “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

Prayer

