

May 19, 2024



Sabbath Citizens

Message Text: Colossians 3:12–17

### 8:30 am Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 119:33–40

*"Come Thou Almighty King"*

#6 Red Hymnal

Bethesda's Refresh Project

*"May the Mind of Christ,"*

#333 Red Hymnal

Message: Pastor Brian Quade

Celebration of Communion

*"Come Ye Disconsolate,"*

#286 Red Hymnal

### 10:30 am Worship

*"Come Thou Fount"*

Call to Worship: Psalm 119:33–40

*"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"*

*"Hymn of Heaven"*

Bethesda's Refresh Project

Message: Pastor Brian Quade

Celebration of Communion

Blessing

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***We are a church family eagerly responding to Jesus  
as He transforms our world.***

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# Prayer Focuses for this Week

## Across the Street

**THIS WEEK:** *Pray that the Pentecostal Power of the Holy Spirit would fill each disciple of Jesus at Bethesda to live on mission this week and throughout the summer.*

## Prayer for our Schools:

**THIS WEEK:** *Pray for students and faculty at Roosevelt Elementary School in Eau Claire.*

## Around the World

**THIS WEEK:** *Claire and Dan Rose asked for grace as they continue to look for creative ways to keep pressing forward in their language learning, for spiritual and physical health for their entire family (including Austin and Ashley), and for a deepening of their relationships among the people of Doh.*

**Other things to pray for:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## May Daily Prayer Notes from LBIM

Daily Prayer Notes from Lutheran Brethren International Mission. Download: [LBIM Daily Prayer Notes](#)

If you'd like a printed copy of this month's Daily Prayer Notes, please e-mail the office, and we'll send one out to you. ([office@c3ec.org](mailto:office@c3ec.org))



# First the King — Sabbath Citizens

## Colossians 3:12–17

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are critical for a developing \_\_\_\_\_ approach to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Revelation 21–22, Genesis 1–4)
2. We struggle to find \_\_\_\_\_ east of Eden, but God gives it \_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 3:8–11, 12–17)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is focused on \_\_\_\_\_, while \_\_\_\_\_ is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 3:15–17)

### Bringing It All Together:

Philippians 3:20–21 reminds Christ-followers that our citizenship is in heaven. We belong to God’s Kingdom, which Jesus told Pilate is not of this world. Jesus intentionally resisted appeals to earthly power. He submitted Himself to the authority of Rome, rather than proving that His Kingdom is more powerful than earthly kingdoms through demonstrations of earthly power or politics. We live as exiles and ambassadors — representatives of this other-worldly Kingdom — in a place that is not our home. But our citizenship is secure in Jesus, and we eagerly await the opportunity to be home and to have our experience of peace and security fully restored. Still, we know that while we live here, our experience of peace will not match what we know ought to be true.

As we consider a biblical approach to politics, it is important for us to remember that our allegiance is to Jesus alone. We fix our eyes on Him, the author and perfecter of our faith, and let go of the things that hinder us. We trust the God of the Bible, and He is always enough. But the world desires our allegiance in many ways at many levels. One of the reasons Christians were persecuted by Rome was because their other-worldly peace was perceived as a threat to the empire that demanded their allegiance.

Because Jesus' followers were so committed to God and submitting to Him, confident in their eternal destiny, and experiencing peace that transcended understanding, they were willing to stand with God no matter what the consequences. The fear that the empire used to bring people into line seemed less effective with Christians, and the empire was compelled to demonstrate power over believers. In the end, the willingness of Christ followers to die for their faith led to the conversion of the Roman empire, because the testimony of those who are willing to sacrifice all they have here is powerful — even more powerful than any demonstration of political strength. That is one reason God's people are seen as martyrs in the vision of Revelation. Like the believers in the first century, our hope is not dependent on what the "empire" does or how it rules. The Gospel's power transcends earthly politics and every earthly power. As a result, the peace of Christ can truly rule in our hearts, even while our world (or life) is in distress.

This peace God invites us into and trains us to live in affects all aspects of our lives. Our relationship with God is shaped by peace through faith in Christ (Romans 5:1–8, Ephesians 2:1–10, Colossians 2:13–15). Learning to allow this peace to impact our relationships is addressed in the household codes we find in many New Testament letters (Colossians 3:18–4:1, Ephesians 5:21–6:9, 1 Peter 2:1–3:18). We also find that this peace that comes by faith in Jesus as a result of God's grace impacts our attitudes and priorities (2 Corinthians 5:16–21, Galatians 6:1–10, Philippians 2:1–11, Colossians 3:16–17, Colossians 4:2–6, Hebrews 12:1–3). As a result, as King's kids our engagement with politics and our desire for society is driven not by fear or a need for control but by a peace-filled faith, entrusting ourselves to the God who made us on purpose and saves us, following where He leads, knowing we are with Him now and will be forever, because of the victory Jesus has already won. We may be led to engage in social issues or to lead change in society, but those efforts are rooted in a confidence that grows out of our peace and safety with God and a desire to invite others into God's grace, rather than a desperate drive to build a safe place around us with tribes, force, or other attempts for protection in this East-of-Eden world like Cain with his city in Genesis 4:13–17.

# KIDS SERMON NOTE SHEET

MAY 19, 2024

WHY DOES PASTOR BRIAN SAY THAT BOTH GENESIS AND REVELATION  
ARE IMPORTANT WHEN WE THINK ABOUT POLITICS??



CIRCLE ANY WORDS THAT YOU HEAR:



BIBLICAL

POLITICS

PEACE

FAITH

TRUST

MAKE A TALLY MARK EVERY  
TIME YOU HEAR PASTOR  
BRIAN SAY THE WORD



"CITIZEN:"

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

LET'S THINK ABOUT THE BIG WHO.  
WHAT DOES GOD PROMISE TO US  
AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN?



the COLOSSIANS 3:12

# ☆-Style GUIDE-☆

PUT ON  therefore,  
as GOD'S CHOSEN ,

(your name)

HOLY & BELOVED,

♡♡ a heart of ♡♡♡

 COMPASSION,

KINDNESS,  

 HUMILITY.

GENTLENESS, &

 PATIENCE. 

# Sunday Gathering Notes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Worship Service: \_\_\_\_\_

What grade are you in: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to be with God and community today? I feel . . .

- ☐ Great! I'm ready to be here!
- ☐ Neutral. I'm here, and that's fine.
- ☐ Distracted. I have a lot of things on my mind.
- ☐ Like I'd rather be someplace else. I'm not in the mood.

Who is giving the sermon today? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the sermon text for the message? \_\_\_\_\_

List the main points of the message or attach the fill-in-the-blank statements from the bulletin.

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One part of the service that made a special impact on me today was:

- ☐ Music or Song
- ☐ Prayer Time
- ☐ Scripture Reading
- ☐ The Sermon
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Why? (Describe how this part of the service impacted you) \_\_\_\_\_

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How is God inviting you to trust him from the worship service? \_\_\_\_\_

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How have you been encouraged in your relationship with God today?

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How is God inviting you to apply something you heard today to your life?

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What verse could you re-read, memorize, or carry with you this next week?

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How can we pray for you this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Online Study Resources

Here are some resources that we think can help you grow in your relationship with God:

**RightNow Media:** The cost is covered. It's like a Netflix of Bible Studies with content for kids, students, and adults. Create your account with this link: [www.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/bethesdalutheran](http://www.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/bethesdalutheran)

**Bible.com:** <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans> — YouVersion — lots of versions of Scripture, lots of reading plans

**Biblegateway.com:** <http://biblegateway.com> — Another website with lots of versions of Scripture, study helps, and reading plans

**Daily Quiet Time from IVP:** <https://www.ivpress.com/daily-bible-study> — A daily Bible study resource from InterVarsity

**Devotional Life:** <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/topics/devotional-life> — Devotional resources from The Gospel Coalition

**The Gospel One Chapter at a Time:** <https://www.paultripp.com/bible-study> — A resource from Paul Tripp Ministries.

**The Bible Project:** <https://bibleproject.com> — Great teaching videos and study ideas to help you learn more about what the Bible says.



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**Our Website:** [www.c3ec.org](https://www.c3ec.org) — You will typically find a link to our YouTube channel as well as sermon notes and kids' sermon notes at the top of our main page.

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