

Sermon Summary for 29th July, 2018

"OUR DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY"

Jer. 38: 14-23; Mark 12: 13-17 (Prof. E. Kweku Osam)

In His final journey towards the cross, Jesus encounters a series of opposition from the Jewish leaders. In Mark 12:13-17, we find the Pharisees and Herodians—two groups that were ideologically incompatible—teaming up to trap Jesus. They sent spies to Jesus (Luke 20:20); and through a strategy of flattery and pretense, the spies expected to trip him up. Their question to Jesus, on the surface of it, looked simple and straightforward: "Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?" (Mark 12: 14-15) They were expecting YES or NO from Him. Jesus saw through their duplicity and amazed them in responding: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Mark 12:17)

The Bible makes it clear that "there is no authority except that which God has established." (Romans 13:1). So we are obliged to discharge our duty to the state, no matter how bad the government might be. The duty includes paying taxes (Romans 13:6); obeying the laws and submitting to authority (1 Peter 2:13-16); showing respect and honour (Romans 13:7; and praying for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

But here is a caveat: when the state makes laws that are directly opposed to the Word of God, we are duty bound to disobey those laws: But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29) Let's remember, however, that when we engage in such civil disobedience, there would be repercussions and we should be prepared to pay that price.

Our primary duty to God is captured in a statement Jesus makes in Matthew 22:34-38: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." We have to love God with our everything, including what we give to the state. Let's note that love requires obedience. Jesus made this point very clearly: "If you love me, keep my commands." (John 14:15; see also John 14:21, 23&24 and Ecclesiastes 12:13&14).

The enemies of Jesus thought they had trapped Him; but their question gave Jesus the opportunity to make a declaration on our duty as citizens of a country and our even greater duty to God.

BABY DEDICATION

On Sunday, 12th August, 2018

All who wish to have their babies dedicated should kindly register at the Church Office.

Deadline: Wednesday, 8th August

OUTREACH TO OTHER CHURCHES:

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 2018

Mrs. Matilda Duthie and Mrs. Efua Ohene-Adu will preach at Korleman Methodist Society and Narhman Emmaus Presbyterian Church respectively. Both will preach on the Topic: "Christ our living bread". **Scripture Reference:** 1 Kings 19: 5-8; Eph. 4: 25-32; John 6: 41-51. Let us bear them up in prayer.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✚ Thank the Lord for LIC; pray for growth and increase; and come against every work of the enemy, that He will arise and cause all His enemies to be scattered (Matthew 16:18-19; 1 John 3:8; Numbers 10:35)

✚ Thank the Lord for smooth resumption of the two services. Pray for grace for the pastors to be able to run and manage it to God's glory. Ask for wisdom for all leaders in dealing with issues that may result from this (1 Chron. 16:34; James 1:5; Deut. 34:9; Acts 4:33)

✚ Pray for Ghana; about developments across the country, especially in the educational, health, and Police service. Pray against the extreme politicization of issues and ask for wisdom for our leaders as they work at it (2 Chron. 7:14; 1 Tim 2:1-2; Ja 1:5)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Aug 05: Ms. Afua Tiwaah Ahmed
Aug 05: Master Kwabena Tweneboa
Aug 05: Mr. Kofi Safo-Duodu
Aug 05: Mr. Emmanuel Agra
Aug 05: Mr. Charles Ayarkwa
Aug 05: Mr. Elliot Eran Tetteh Narthey
Aug 05: Evangelist Maria Ejembi
Aug 06: Mr. David Nana Kojo A. Hutchful
Aug 06: Dr. Bethel Kwansah-Bentum
Aug 06: Ms. Afua Asiedua Anim
Aug 06: Mrs. Nancy Sialely Kkwafkwao
Aug 06: Ms. Angela Dzidzor Kumah
Aug 07: Nana Kweku Bonsu Sekyi Barnes
Aug 07: Dr. Louis Asiedu
Aug 07: Ms. Catherine Marie-Ange
Aug 07: Ms. Leonora Ohene-Obeng
Aug 07: Mr. Dodzi Kwasi Agbeko
Aug 08: Ms. Jemima Jackson
Aug 08: Mr. Michael Agyeman-Serebo
Aug 08: Mr. Daniel Kennedy Amoah
Aug 09: Ms. Barbara Mensah
Aug 09: Mr. Emmanuel Asiedu
Aug 09: Mr. Sylvanus Akorsu
Aug 10: Ms. Juliana Asibuo
Aug 10: Mrs. Alberta Adukor-Asola
Aug 11: Ms. Akua Asor Gyasi
Aug 11: Mrs. Clara Addo

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 05: Prince & Patience Amattoe
Aug 05: Benjamin & Agnes Ansa-Nimako
Aug 05: Fiifi & Janet Smith-Quayson
Aug 06: David & Kate Allotey
Aug 07: Mr. & Mrs. Asante-Dartey
Aug 07: John & Phyllis Kudadjie
Aug 07: Daniel & Grace Boamah
Aug 07: Mr. & Mrs. Nelson
Aug 08: Mr. & Mrs. Atta
Aug 09: Nicholas & Akuorkor Osuteye
Aug 09: Kenneth & Portia Adjei
Aug 10: Eloi & Nana Konadu Simons
Aug 10: Kwaku & Marian Twum-Baah
Aug 11: Julius & Regina Richardson

WELCOME



TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 2018



**Influencing Generations
Through Christ-like Discipleship**

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LIC: SAVED TO SERVE!

The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to God's House this Sunday morning: Akwaaba!

YEAR'S THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS - A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

FIRST SERVICE: 7:00AM TO 9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY (NOT OPTIONAL): 9:15AM TO 10:15AM ON SUNDAYS

SECOND SERVICE: 10:30AM TO 12:30PM

SUNDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 2018

Officiant for 1st Service: Mrs. Lillian Phillips-Kumaga
Officiant for 2nd Service: Mr. Romeo Bugyei

Sermon Topic: **"The Certainty of the Resurrection"**
Preacher: **Rev. Emmanuel Osaе-Addo**

Lectors for 1st Service: Nana Yaw Ofori-Asumadu and Ms. Linda Buame
Lectors for 2nd Service: Mr. Terry Jumah and Ms. Adelaide Asiedu

Notices for 1st Service: Mr. Nuku Kumaga
Notices for 2nd Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful

Scripture Passages: **Deuteronomy 25: 5 - 10 and Mark 12: 18 - 27**

Opening Hymn: *"Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore Him"*
Song Ministration: *Adelaide and Kofi Asiedu*
Pre-Sermon Song: *"Master, speak! Thy servant heareth"*
Closing Hymn: *"Jesus lives!"*

REFLECTION: Certainty of the resurrection

It is now completely insane to be on the other side of the resurrection argument. That perhaps, Christ is still embalmed in the grave and Christians are perhaps serving a dead Christ. But if His tomb still stands empty today as evidence that He indeed died, was buried and rose again as he promised, then our salvation is sure, and surely, we will also rise to be with Him eternally as He promised. — JNA (August - 2018)

NEXT SUNDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 2018

Officiant for 1st Service: Mrs. Isabella Agra
Officiant for 2nd Service: Mrs. Bernice Offei
Sermon Topic: **"The Great Commandment"**
Preacher: **Rev. Mrs. Agnes Phillips**

Lectors for 1st Service: Mr. Arnold Poku-Adu and Ms. Davis Kaufmann
Lectors for 2nd Service: Mr. Kweku Afful and Mr. Julian Larbi-Akor

Scripture Passages: **Micah 6: 6 - 8 and Mark 12: 28 - 34**

Notices for 1st Service: Mr. Nuku Kumaga
Notices for 2nd Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Baby Dedication



Activity for 5th August, 2018

PRAYER MEETING

Leaders:
Adom Adu-Amoani; Aseda Ohene-Adu; Meredith Owusu
Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

Visitors' Reception for AUGUST, 2018

1st: Ms. Cecilia Adjei; Mrs. F. Washington-Nortey
2nd: Dr. E. Sinayobye; Dr. Awo Asiedu

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the banns for the SECOND TIME, between **Mr. Theophil Asamoah-Gyadu** of Immanuel Methodist Church, East Airport and **Dr. Maame Amankwaa Ofori-Asumadu** of LIC.

Please inform the Pastors or Presiding Elder if you know of any just and valid reason why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in marriage. Kindly keep them in prayer.

SUNDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 2018

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)
Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Reception

Counseling

NEXT SUNDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 2018

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)
Mr. Frank Yaw Yeboah (024 463 6841)
Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

Ms. Afia Adoma Boakye	Mr. Jonas Annor Yeboah	Mr. Boamong Twumasi
Mr. Kennedy Bomfeh	Mrs. Victoria Akoto Asaam	Mr. Obed O. Afranie
Ms. Princess Phyllis Delong	Ms. Emerald Naa Norley Vanderpuye	Mr. Patrick O. Asuming
Mr. Etornam Adoboe	Ms. Enu Beula Otsyina	Mr. Frank Castella Kyei-Danquah
Mrs. Isabella Bomfeh	Mrs. Irene Bopkin	Ms. Augustina Mensah

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12 noon on Wednesday: Mr. Kofi Yeboah - 0244875493 and Mrs. Ruth Opoku - 0509547267. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office.**



MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

YEAR THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS — A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

Coordinator - Ms. Emefa Aveh (024 270 1822)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Wed. 8th Aug	6:30pm-8:00pm	Ms. Patience Ampomah	Prayer & Teaching Service	"The Believer's Mission: Exercising faith in hopeless situations" (Exod. 14:10-25)	Rev. Mrs. Agnes Phillips
Sat. 11-Aug	8:00am	The Love Clean up! ... Come let's clean LIC together. for the first 30 cars; and a KenkeyFest. Sign-up @ http://bit.do/kleenup			Free Car Wash
Wed. 15th Aug	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. Kofi Yeboah	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. David Avor. Music by the LIC Choir.	
Sat. 18th Aug - Sun. 26th Aug			YOUTH WEEK, 2018		
Fri. 31-Aug	6:30pm-8:30pm	NIGHT OF PRAISE AND ADORATION			
Sun. 2-Sep	9:15am - 11:15am	ANNUAL HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE (Joint Service)			

PRAYER MEETINGS:

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 7:30 am - 7:50 am; **Sunday Evening:** In the Conference Room @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; **Monday:** In the Vestry @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; **Wednesday:** Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6:30 - 8:30 pm; **Saturday:** Prayer for Missions @ 7:00 - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; **All Night Prayer Meeting:** 1st Friday of the Month @ 10 pm - 4:00 am in the Sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDIES: **Sunday:** 9:15 - 10:15am; **Monday:** 6:45 - 8:00pm