

SERMON NOTES

November 16 & 17, 2024

In God We Trust: The Best is Yet to Come

1. Shalom is the _____.

Isaiah 2:2-5 | Isaiah 40:4-5 a | Romans 1:21-23

2. Shalom, to be fulfilled, must _____.

3. Sin is the _____ of Shalom.

4. Jesus came as the _____.

John 14:27

5. To be a Jesus follower is to _____ shalom. **John 20:19-21 | Matthew 25:35-40**

Life Steps

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Prayer of St. Francis: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, Amen.

Monday

Isaiah 11: 6 - 9

Reflect: What comes to mind when you imagine a day where everything in your life is “as it should be”? Describe what you would like not to be there as well as the things you would hope for.

Prayer: Pray the prayer of St. Francis

Tuesday

Isaiah 2:2-5

Reflect: All of this is summed up in the Hebrew word “shalom.” What is the basis of shalom? Describe some characteristics of shalom.

Prayer: Pray the prayer of St. Francis

Wednesday

Matthew 25:35-40

Reflect: What difference do you see in shalom as described by Jesus, by Isaiah? In what ways are they the same?

Prayer: Pray the prayer of St. Francis

Thursday

John 14: 27

Reflect: Jesus said he brought a different “shalom” than the world offers. How is Jesus’ shalom different? Recall a time you experienced shalom as described by Jesus. How did that experience make you feel?

Prayer: Pray the prayer of St. Francis

Friday

John 20:19

Reflect: Now that you have a better understanding of “shalom,” if someone were to greet you in that way, how might it make you feel, and how might you respond?

Prayer: Pray the prayer of St. Francis

Saturday

John 20:21

Reflect: What would it look like for you to be an agent of Jesus’s shalom? Who do you know that needs an experience of shalom? What role can you play in the realization of their shalom experience?

Prayer: Pray the prayer of St. Francis

Sunday

Luke 2:13-14

Reflect: Does shalom characterize your daily life? Why or why not? As you think about attending worship today, how will you bring shalom to others? Who might be waiting for you so they can experience some measure of shalom?

Prayer: God of perfect goodness, use me today as an agent of your shalom. In Jesus’ name, amen