

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings
Psalm 69:1-5
Genesis 17:1-13
Romans 4:1-12

Today's Scripture Verse: *For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. (Romans 4:13)*

What it means: The argument Paul makes in this 4th chapter of his letter to Rome is that circumcision is not a measure of a person's righteousness, but is rather the certification of one's membership in the people of God. The argument might be made today with regard to baptism. We are not baptized in order to be saved, but instead we are baptized to affirm that we belong to the community of salvation. It is not a ritual but our faith and consequent faithfulness that gives us access to the promises of God.

Our time of prayer: Gracious God, we give you thanks for our baptism into the family of Christ, and for the knowledge that faith and the works of faith are the foundation of our life in him.

