

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 25 - July 30, '22

Mon Luke 11:1-4 When Jesus is asked by His disciples to teach them to pray, He points them to petitions He included in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 6:9-13). This prayer first prays for God's name and rulership, for then all will be well. As for us, our hunger, sins, temptations and trials all need remedy, and God is the one who provides it.

Tues Luke 11:5-13 Jesus is teaching His disciples to pray and does not stop with examples of what to pray for, but also gives them good reason to pray. Even a friend who doesn't want to be bothered may get up to help at midnight, but our Father urges us to call upon Him in trouble and in praise. Even a father who makes many mistakes knows how to help his children, but our heavenly Father knows the best gifts, make no mistake.

Wed 1Timothy 2:1-7 The apostle urges to pray "for all people" (v1), even heathen rulers, because God wants "all people" (v4) to be saved. It is for the sake of those He will yet persuade to believe that He would have us live a quiet, peaceful, and godly life, that they may learn to know Jesus, who gave Himself as "a ransom for all" (v6), yes, even the Gentiles to whom Paul was sent.

Thurs Genesis 18:20-26 The LORD tells Abraham His plans for Sodom, which are righteous and fair. Abraham prays for the whole city – that Sodom might be spared – for the sake of the believers who might be there. The LORD listens to such a prayer.

Fri Genesis 18:26-32 Abraham prays without ceasing, asking God to spare the city for the sake of 45 righteous, 40, 30, 20, and even 10. The LORD is not annoyed by such persistence in prayer. What's more, He also has His own plans to rescue less than 10, should the city be destroyed (19:12-13).

Sat Psalm 138 David's prayer is full of heartfelt praise to the God above all "gods" for His gracious loving-kindness and truth, which we have learned to know through Jesus Christ (Jn1:17). Even Kings will bow to Him if they will hear His Word, yet He pays attention to the lowly. David is confident that his prayers are heard and his rescue is assured, for the LORD's mercy endures forever (v8)!

July 24, 2022
7th Sunday after Pentecost



KNOWS MY NEEDS AND
well provides me
LOVES ME EVERY DAY THE SAME.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #782

“Evening and Morning”

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **♫ Amen.**

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C **Amen!**

The Introit

Ps. 85:7-10, 13

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

C **Let me hear what God the Lord will speak; he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

C **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

P Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

C **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.**

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C **♫ Amen, amen, a – men.**

Hymn: TLH #354

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

2022 CLC Mission Helpers to Zambia Eight CLC Mission Helpers (Kaylee Koenig, Kari Wales, Erica Oster, Andrea D’Onofrio, Amy Tvedt, Candy Ohlmann, Henry Lau, and Noah Ohlmann) along with Missionary Ohlmann are still serving the Lord in Zambia. The Mission Helpers have divided into two teams as they spend a few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 3,000 children. They are focusing their efforts in towns and villages where the Z-CLC has been or is working to establish congregations and preaching stations in and around Lusaka and Livingstone. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at: <https://2022clcmhtzambia.blogspot.com>

Quarterly Voters’ Meeting after church today. If you are a voter of Faith, please be certain to attend!

CLC Call News Pastor Samuel Naumann of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX, **has returned** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, **is still considering** the calls to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, and to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA. This is not a joint call. The congregations have called Pastor Ude separately from one another.

July 17th Offerings:	\$ 1,220.50
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$20,045.23
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$25,375.39
Mission Helper Fund	\$ 230.00
Total Cash All Funds	\$61,553.83

Philippians 4:10-20

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me.

You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Secret† to Contentedness

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer ✠

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

☐ Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

Lord, to whom else shall we go?

1 Kings 17:1-6

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." ² And the word of the LORD came to him: ³ "Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴ You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." ⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. ⁶ And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. . . . ¹⁶ 'The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me

rejects him who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸ And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

☐ Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

**in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again
from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the
Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**