

**Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 29 – Sept. 3**

**Mon Luke 14:1-6** The Pharisees watch Jesus carefully to catch Him breaking one of their Sabbath laws. Jesus did not have to watch them carefully to know that they showed mercy on the Sabbath when it benefitted their own family or possessions. Jesus had mercy on the man with dropsy, even if it would bring Him criticism from the Pharisees. So great also is His mercy toward us!

**Tues Luke 14:7-11** Our sinful human nature is not satisfied with the honors which God bestows, and presumes that a much higher position of honor is deserved. But it is not the honor we give ourselves that matters, but the honor which comes from one above us. Jesus did not honor Himself, but humbled Himself even to the cross, all to save us. For us this is honor indeed!

**Wed Luke 14:12-14** If one gives dinners only for those who can return the favor, he will no doubt gain some earthly reward. But if one invites also those who cannot repay him, he serves as a steward of Him upon whom the eyes of all wait (Ps 145:15), and whom he will meet in the resurrection.

**Thurs James 2:1-7** To show partiality in the Christian assembly is to be like a judge who makes decisions according to who can pay the highest bribe. Thank God that He did not send His Son to die for those who could do the most for Him, but rather in Christ gives honor and heavenly riches even to a poor Lazarus (cp Lk 16:19ff).

**Fri James 2:8-13** To be unmerciful toward those who cannot repay you is to love oneself more than one's neighbor. But the "law of liberty," that "word of truth" (1:18,25) by which we were brought forth, sets us free before God to serve Him all our lives. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

**Sat Ephesians 4:1-6** The apostle Paul calls upon us to live in a manner worthy of our humble, gentle, patient Savior and deal with our fellow-believers as Christ dealt with us. He made us all one body when He called us by the one Spirit to be children of one God and Father.

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #391

"Blessed Are the Sons of God"

**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** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

**Absolution from Our God**

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*

**P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response: TLH #644

"Praise God, from Whom..."

**C** *♫ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**CLC Devotional Podcasts:** If you are looking for devotional materials to listen to throughout the day, here is a list of devotional podcasts produced by CLC Pastors.

- **"BeneathTheTreesAtGethsemane"** (all one word) Audio of the "Daily Rest" Devotions
- **"Morning Chapels from ILC"** - Audio recording of daily chapels at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire
- **"Burdens and Blessings Podcast"** – discussing culture and current events in the light of God's Word of Truth
- **"Twin Steeples"** – weekly podcast with a devotion and announcements produced by Immanuel, Mankato

(If you need help finding these audio devotional materials, please speak with Pastor.)

**Looking Ahead:** Today, 5:30 pm – Kansas City Worship  
Wed., Aug. 31, 9:30 am – Bible Class  
Thurs., Sept. 1, 10:30 am – Garden View Service  
Sun., Sept. 18, 5:30 pm – Kansas City Worship  
Sept. 27-29 – SE Pastoral Conference in Wash. DC

**Man Up! Retreat** - The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall will be held September 22-25, 2022, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment by August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). Sign up today!

<b>August 14<sup>th</sup> Offerings:</b>	\$ 1,443.50
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$19,764.98
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$27,224.27
<b>Total Cash All Funds</b>	<b>\$62,325.09</b>

looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

### “Lord, Give Us Such a Faith as This!”

- I. Not based upon our experiences
- II. But based upon Your promises

#### The Offertory

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

- C** *♩* **Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.**

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

**Sermon Hymn: TLH #396** “Oh, For a Faith that Will Not Shrink”

**Prayers, Lord’s Prayer, and 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 #660**

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

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#### The Introit

*Ps. 147:7-11*

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

- P** Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
- C** **He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.**
- P** He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- C** **His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**
- P** But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- 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 Gloria Patri

*TLH 16:4*

*Latin for “Glory be to the Father.”*

- C** *♩* **Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to Thee and adoration! Grant that we Thy Word may trust And obtain true consolation While we here below must wander, Till we sing Thy praises yonder.**

#### Collect Prayer of the Day

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

- P** Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** *♩* **Amen.**

### Haggai 1:12-14

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the

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LORD. <sup>13</sup> Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, "I am with you, declares the LORD." <sup>14</sup> And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God.

### Luke 12:32-40

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>35</sup> "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

### Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. 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.**

### Hymn: TLH #370

*"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

### Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. <sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was

