

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 12 - 17, '23

Mon. Matthew 13:31-32 Christians all over the world pray "Thy Kingdom come," but just how does God's rule come about? By comparing it to a mustard seed, Jesus shows that despite a small beginning, like being born in a stable and laid in a manger, the Kingdom grows large to the benefit of many others.

Tues. Matthew 13:33 In a comparison drawn from the home, Jesus shows that heaven's kingdom comes about not by outward operations, or by threats of force, but it works inwardly. God's ruling Word works from within to fill the entire life.

Wed. Matthew 13:34-35 Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of God with comparisons to common events in daily life. This makes His teaching accessible even to the children, who see their father planting seeds, or their mother making bread. Matthew points to this as a fulfillment of the opening words of Psalm 78.

Thurs. Mark 4:26-29 Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a farmer sowing seeds. The farmer does not produce the growth, but little by little the plant grows. It is the creative work of God that causes the seed to grow to the harvest, and it is God who causes His Word to produce growth in His people.

Fri. Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Moses addresses the people of Israel on the threshold of entering the promised land. He urges them to teach what they have learned about God to their children (cp Ps.78:4) and reminds them that the blessings they are about to enjoy are not from their efforts, but gifts from the LORD.

Sat. Acts 4:32-35 The LORD, who works quietly in the hearts of his people, brings about faith which works by love. The early New Testament church revealed the hidden working of the Word by their loving care for one another. This was not some "rules to live by," but the seed of the Kingdom growing from within.

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #283

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

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

G Amen.

Confession & Absolution

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.

G 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!

G Amen!

The Introit

Ps. 78:4, 13-15, 24-25

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

P We will not hide them from our children but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.

G He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.

P In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light.

G He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them to drink abundantly as from the deep.

P He rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. Man ate of the bread of the angels; He sent them food in abundance.

G 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.

Man Up! Weekend: The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend 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 before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

CLC Call News: Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND **is considering the call** to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. <> Noah Ohlmann **has accepted the call** to be a fulltime assistant for the lower grades of Grace School in Valentine, NE for the 2023-2024 school year. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX **has returned the call** to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> St. Stephen Lutheran Church **has called** Isaac Schmitt to serve as part time teacher of kindergarten and lower grades at St. Stephen Lutheran School. Isaac **has accepted** the call.

June 4th Offerings:

Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,301.75
General Fund Balance	\$ 1,661.54
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$18,572.06
Mission Helper Fund	\$37,394.59
	\$ 615.00
Total Cash All Funds	\$71,917.49

Budget Deficit: Please note that we are currently running short on our Annual Budget by \$4,308.12. This is not reason for panic, as our trust is built not on silver and gold but on our Savior and His love for us. Please do take our congregation to the Lord in prayer and also prayerfully consider this deficit in your offerings, as you are able.

will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Luke 12: "The One With the Rich Fool"

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 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 ✠

Hymn: TLH #425:1-4 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

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!

Hymn: TLH #370 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Looking Ahead: Today, 5:30 pm – Kansas City Worship
 June 20-22 – Pastor's Conference in E.C., WI
 June 26-July 14 – Mission Helpers to Nepal
 July 23, 5:30 pm – Kansas City Worship

Bible Class: We will be having Bible Class on Sunday, June 25th, but otherwise there is no Bible Class from June 21-July 19. The first Bible Class after Pastor's return will be Sun., July 23rd.

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"

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.

- P** Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Deut. 11:18-21, 26-28

"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ²⁰ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. . . . ²⁶ "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known."

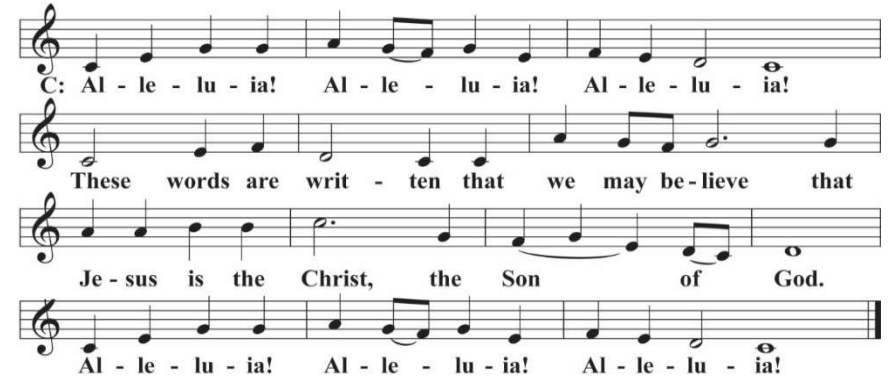
Rom. 3:21-25, 27-28

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it-- ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. . . . ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.



I WILL RECOUNT THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD.

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



Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 #296

"Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth"

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I