

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 26 - July 01

Mon Luke 15:11-24 The younger of two sons wants to be given his inheritance so that he can waste it on himself. When all is gone and he is less valuable to feed than the pigs, he decides to go home, where his loving father receives and forgives him. So it is with our loving God and sinful humanity.

Tues Luke 15:25-32 The older son in yesterday's parable also has selfish desires ("you never gave me..." v29) and acts as though he has earned his inheritance. He does not share the father's desire for the return of the lost one, and calls him "this son of yours" rather than "my brother." A sad picture of our sinful human nature alongside the gentle love of our heavenly Father.

Wed Acts 3:1-10 Peter and John did not look magnificent when the lame man looked up at them, and he was just expecting some money from them. But from the representatives of Jesus Christ he received much more than he expected, and the chance to walk into the temple with them, praising God.

Thur Acts 3:11-16 The people are amazed at the wonderful healing of the man lame from birth, and the apostles are quick to point out that this was done by God's Son Jesus Christ, who was disowned by them, but raised by God to life. Look to Him and be saved!

Fri Isaiah 12:1-2 Isaiah tells of a coming day when the one with whom the LORD was justly angry receives not the LORD's anger but His comfort, much as the "Prodigal Son" (Lk15) was received by his loving father. Such a forgiving God will surely be one's strength and song in this life also.

Sat Isaiah 12:3-6 What can be said by each of us can also be sung by all of God's children. Give thanks to the Lord (as did the lame man healed in Acts 3)! Sing to the LORD, for our salvation is all His doing, and it is He who has made us dwellers of Zion! Let this be known in all the earth!

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3rd Sunday after Trinity



YOU WILL CAST ALL
OUR SINS
INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #31

“When All Thy Mercies, O My 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.**

With Pastor Out of Town for the Mission Helper Trip to Nepal, Len Benter has volunteered to lead the services over the next two weekends. If you need to reach Pastor at all while he is away, email is the best way to reach him. He will have Wi-Fi from time to time, and will respond to your emails as soon as possible. Lord's be with you in the coming weeks!

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 Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND is **considering the call** from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND **has returned the call** to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. <> Pastor Samuel Naumann **has resigned** his call to Resurrection Lutheran Church of Corpus Christi for personal reasons. Please keep Sam and his family, as well as the Corpus Christi congregation in your prayers.

Budgetary Deficit - Please note General Fund offerings are still short of budget by \$4637.70. Please take this item to the Lord in prayer and also prayerfully consider this ongoing need.

June 18th Offerings:	\$ 1,438.75
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,661.54
General Fund Balance	\$19,977.60
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$37,790.34
Total Cash All Funds	\$73,130.78

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Sermon Hymn: TLH #373:1,3,5,7 "By Grace I'm Saved"

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.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn: TLH #351 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal - Thirteen Mission Helpers will depart on an evening flight from Chicago on Monday (6/26) on their way to Kathmandu, Nepal where they will be met by Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti, his family, and other pastors and members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN). The Mission Helpers will divide into three teams as they spend the next couple of weeks proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approx. 1,500 children in Himalayan villages where HCLCN congregations are located. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at: 2023CLCMHTNepal.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.

Yes, we have Bible Class	No, there is NO Bible Class
Sun., June 25 th	Wed., June 28 th
Sun., July 23 rd	Sun., July 2 nd
Wed., July 26 th	Wed., July 5 th
	Sun., July 9 th
	Wed., July 12 th
	Sun., July 16 th
	Wed., July 19 th

The Introit

Ps. 67:3-7

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

P Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

G Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

G The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

P God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #237:1

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

G *All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!*

Collect Prayer of the Day

P Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues

and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the

laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” ¹ And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

Romans 5:6-11

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



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 #384

“Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion”

Micah 7:18-20

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

“A God Like Me?” Not at all!

His mercy is *daily*.
His anger has *passed*.
His promise is *certain*.

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 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.