

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 13 – 18, '23

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

-Psalm 119:105

**Mon Matthew 10:24-33** Jesus warns His disciples that the unbelieving world will not treat them better than it treated Him. "So do not be afraid of them." The victory which He won over the world will also be theirs, along with the heavenly Father's tender care.

**Tues 1 Timothy 4:4-11** The apostle urges young Pastor Timothy to continue teaching the words of the faith and good teaching rather than the absurd myths of the unbelieving world.

**Wed Psalm 85:6-13** Remembering how God led and cared for His people of old, we can confidently call upon Him in every time of need (v7). "The Lord will indeed give good things" (v12).

**Thur 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13** Paul reminds the Thessalonian Christians of the Gospel Word which he and others (like Silas, Timothy, etc.) had brought to them, the apostolic word which they had received as the Word of God, which it is.

**Fri John 15:18-25** On the same night in which He was betrayed, Jesus reminds His disciples again that the world that hates Him will also hate them. At such times they should remember that they are in good company. The unbelieving world also hates God the Father and God the Son.

**Sat Romans 8:26-28** When God's children face opposition and persecution, the Spirit also helps them in their weakness, and all things work together for their good.

November 12, 2023  
Last Judgment



THE DAY  
IS SURELY  
DRAWING  
NEAR



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #611:1, 4-7      "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

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

**C** ♪ Amen.

**Confession of Our Sins**

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

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

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** ♪ Amen.

Mission Prayer Opportunities

**Myanmar** – Our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-Myanmar continue to struggle under the oppressive rule of the military junta. Pastor Kham continues to heal from the injuries he received. His wife, Havi, has been released from jail, and their debt has been paid through the compassionate offerings of God's children. **Continue to pray for** strength and courage for Havi as she deals with the emotional and physical trauma of her arrest. **Pray for the children** Pastor Kham and Havi care for as they live in constant fear of military attack and now also the fear of losing those who love and care for them. **Continue to Pray** for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. **Pray** especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that our Savior will give them strength, comfort, courage, and boldness during these difficult times and that He will provide for all their needs. **Thank the Lord** for moving the hearts of His children to give generously to the needs of others through their offerings and prayers.

**The Philippines** – Pastor Andrew Schaller (CLC Bd of Doctrine Secretary) continues the colloquy with Pastor Jordan Palangyos and the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP) via email correspondence. **Pray** that the Lord will bless the colloquy and that this will lead to a God-pleasing unity of faith and teaching. **Ask the Lord** to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

**Pakistan** – Pastor Tim Daub continues to teach online video Bible lessons to two groups of Christians who are eager to start a Lutheran church in Pakistan. The Board of Missions has authorized Missionary Ohlmann to accompany Pastor Daub on a visit to Pakistan in 2024. With the upcoming elections in Pakistan and due to safety concerns surrounding it, there is some uncertainty about when this trip will occur. **Pray that the Lord will continue to bless** the teaching and learning of His word. **Thank our Savior** for this opportunity and the technology to proclaim the truth of His word in such a way.

are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels<sup>8</sup> in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.<sup>9</sup> They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

### God Has Patience. God Will Have Vengeance.

#### The Offertory

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

- G** ♪ **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 ✠

Hymn: TLH #605

*"The World is Very Evil"*

✠ 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.

- G** ♪ **Amen, amen, a – men.**

Hymn: TLH #616

*"Forever With the Lord"*

**Bible Class** will be held this Wednesday at 9:30 am as usual.

**CLC Call News** - Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen's Lutheran of Mt. View, CA **is still considering** the call to Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran of Vernon, British Columbia, **is still considering** the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

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#### The Introit

*Ps. 84:1, 3, 9-12*

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

- P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

- G** **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!**

- P** Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

- G** **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

- P** For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

- G** **O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

#### The Gloria Patri

*TLH #609:3*

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

- G** ♪ **Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,  
Let men and angels sing before Thee,  
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.  
Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,  
We gather round Thy radiant throne.**

**No vision ever brought, No ear hath ever caught,  
Such great glory; Therefore will we Eternally  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee.**

#### Requested Prayers & the Collect Prayer of the Day

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

*(We begin with requested prayers)*

- P** ... Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G** ♪ **Amen.**

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## Daniel 7:9-10

"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

## Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> 'Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in

prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith.*

### 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: WS #763

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

## 2 Thessalonians 1:1-9

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup> Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. <sup>5</sup> This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering-- <sup>6</sup> since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, <sup>7</sup> and to grant relief to you who