

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 27 – December 2, 2023

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

-Psalm 119:105

**Mon John 5:19-29** Jesus answers those who fault Him for "making himself equal to God" by pointing out that it is not His doing, but the Father's. The Father has entrusted to the Son the power to judge and to bring people "from death to life" (v24).

**Tues Hebrews 10:32-39** The Hebrews writer reminds believers how the Lord brought them through fierce persecution. They have every reason, therefore, to remain confident that "the one who is coming will come and will not delay" (v37).

**Wed Job 14:1-5** As we approach the end of another year, we are reminded of the shortness of this earthly life. Truly our days are numbered, but what a blessing to know that the number has been set by God (v5), who loves us.

**Thur Luke 12:35-43** Blessed are the servants who are watching when their master returns. So may we be kept alert and ready by His Word. And may we share that Word of Life with others.

**Fri Revelation 7:9-17** John does not spell out the details of the tribulation in which God's people found themselves during their earthly life. What is emphasized is that the Lord brought them all out of those times to sing before His throne!

**Sat Isaiah 35:3-10** When hands are weak and knees are shaky, remember that God in Christ comes to the rescue. He brings relief from all kinds of afflictions (eyes, ears, tongues, limbs), and everlasting joy will crown your head (v10).

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Christ the King



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #798

"God, We Praise You"

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

**C** 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.

**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. 134; 33:8

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

**P** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

**C** **Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**

**P** Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

**C** **May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth!**

**P** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

**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.**



**Church Decorating** – If you are able to stay after church today and help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas, your help is greatly appreciated! We will begin shortly after the conclusion of our worship.

**Advent Schedule** – As we have done in the past, our midweek Advent services will be held on Wednesday mornings during our usual Wednesday morning Bible Class Hour at 9:30 am. Services will be held on the following Wednesdays:

- December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am
- December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am
- December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am

**CLC Call News** Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, **has received** the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Teacher Daniel Barthels of Gethsemane Lutheran School of Saginaw, MI has announced that he **is retiring** from the teaching ministry effective July 1, 2024. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC **has received** a call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

**Nominations for ILC Professor and ILC President** – The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year: Neil Bernthal, Jeff Karnitz, Joshua Ohlmann, Dan Roehl, Seth Schaller, Steve Sydow, Matthew Thurow, Paul Tiefel III, and Matthew Ude. In addition, the following and only person has been nominated for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Daniel Schierenbeck. The term of the ILC President's call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2026. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight January 2, 2024 (letters postmarked December 23, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).

of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? <sup>19</sup> "And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet." <sup>20</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> "Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> "therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them-- My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

## Rejoice! For Christ's Might Makes Right

### 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 #219** "The Head that Once Was Crowned"

✠ 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 #341** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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## 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 Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

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## Matthew 27:27-31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

## 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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

**G** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**These words are written that we may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 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 #222

*"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious"*

## Ezekiel 34:11-24

'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

<sup>12</sup> "As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. <sup>13</sup> "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> "I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> "I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." <sup>17</sup> "And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. <sup>18</sup> "Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture-- and to have drunk