

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

December 11 – 16, 2023

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

-Psalm 119:105

Mon Luke 17:20-30 The Pharisees (v20), who assumed they were in the kingdom of God, did not even recognize God's ruler in their midst. His disciples (v22) knew Him and would one day long to see Him come again, which will happen suddenly at just the right time.

Tues 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Unlike the false prophet who thinks godliness is a means to gain material things, the man of God is encouraged to pursue all that reflects the Savior who is coming again.

Wed Malachi 4:1-6 In the closing verses of his book, Malachi contrasts the wicked and the faithful in the day of the Lord's coming. One is trampled by the Lord's power, the other leaping for joy.

Thur Romans 15:4-13 Paul encourages patient endurance and receiving fellow-believers as the God of hope fills us with complete joy, peace, and hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fri Hebrews 10:35-39 The writer to the Hebrews also encourages Christians to patient endurance, continuing in the faith while waiting for the sure promises of God in Christ.

Sat James 5:7-10 As the prophets of old waited patiently for the end of suffering (v10) and the fulfillment of God's promises, so believers today need patience, also with one another (v9), while waiting for the coming of the Lord.

December 10, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent



YOU SHALL GO OUT
**LEAPING
LIKE CALVES**
FROM THE STALL

Faith

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #15

"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

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. 80:1ff; Is. 62:11; 30:29-30

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

P Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes."

C **The Lord will cause his majestic voice to be heard, and you shall have gladness of heart.**

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.



C **Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see.

C **But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

- December 13th @ 9:30 am
- December 20th @ 9:30 am

Christmas Eve will be celebrated earlier in the day than usual. Our Christmas Eve service this year will be held at **4:00 pm**. We will also be having our usual Sunday morning service that day.

CLC Call News Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, **is still considering** the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC **is still considering** a call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. <> Michaela Winters, lower grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI **is resigning** at the conclusion of the current school year to spend more time with her infant daughter.

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.

neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵ "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

God's Great and Awesome Justice

- I. Sinners will get what's coming to them
- II. Christ got what was coming for sinners

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 #277 *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

✠ 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 #62 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

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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 Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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Luke 21:25-36

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹ And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the

patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰ And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

🎵 *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 #66

"Hark the Glad Sound!"

Malachi 4:1-6

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them