

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

July 29th – August 3rd, '24

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
-Psalm 119:105

Mon Matthew 14:22-34 Not even stormy waves or contrary winds can keep the Lord Jesus from coming to His disciples in their time of need. He will patiently rescue even one of little faith.

Tues Acts 24:22-26 Although Felix did not have the best reasons for sending for Paul (hoping Paul would give him money, v26), it gave Paul opportunities to speak about things Felix needed to hear before the coming judgment.

Wed Exodus 17:1-7 The Lord has been feeding His people miraculously with manna and quail, but when there is no water, they do not look to Him, but quarrel with Him, testing Him. Still His patience is so great that He supplies water from a rock for them.

Thurs Romans 13:8-10 The sum of all the commandments is: love. Love God. Love neighbor. God has already shown His love toward us in Christ Jesus. When we show love to our neighbor we are showing them how God feels about them.

Fri 2 Timothy 1:7-10 A spirit of power and love and sound judgment is a great gift from God. Even when we suffer for the Gospel, we can rely on the power of God, who revealed immortality through the Gospel.

Sat John 6:66-69 Jesus would walk through a storm on Galilee to be with His disciples (Mt14). Many of his disciples, however, turned away from Him. But Peter speaks for the Twelve: recognizing immortality in His words inspires their continued following of Him.

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9th Sunday after Trinity



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #19:1-4 "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #218:6

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

C ♪ **Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son, Dying, risen, ascending for us, Who the heavenly realm hath won. Glory to the Holy Spirit! To One God in Persons Three Glory both in earth and heaven, Glory, endless glory, be.**

Upcoming Schedule – I will be preaching at Noah and Erica's wedding next weekend. As such, I will not be here on Sunday, August 4th. Here is the upcoming schedule:

- **July 31st** – Regular Wednesday Bible Class @ 9:30 am
- **August 4th** – Sunday Worship @ 10 am; No Bible Class
- **August 7th** – No Wednesday Bible Class

CLC Call News – Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen West, Mountain View, CA and St. Stephen East, Hayward, CA has **accepted** the call to Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI following Pastor Michael Eichstadt's retirement in September. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd in Rapid City, SD has **returned** the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. Grace has now **extended** the call to Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN has announced that he will be **retiring** from the ministry at the end of this year.

Prayer Opportunities:

- Please thank the Lord for returning **Carol Benter** home. Ask that the Lord would continue to build her strength!
- Please thank the Lord for returning **Marilynn Smith** home. Ask that the Lord would continue to care for her and return her to strength. Her desire is to return to church!
- Please thank the Lord for safely returning the **CLC Mission Helpers** home yesterday. Ask that the Lord would continue to work in East Africa among all those thousands who heard the word these past several weeks!
- Please pray for Len and Carol's oldest daughter **Carey**. She has been very sick and was recently hospitalized. Ask that the Lord would return her to health and return her home safely.
- Please pray for Beth's parents **Maggie** and **Dick**, who both appear to be nearing the end of their earthly pilgrimage. Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen their faith and bring them home to heaven. Please pray for Beth too.

will render thank offerings to you. ¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Nobody Knows but Jesus

- I. He knows the torment of your enemies
- II. He knows the torrent of your tears

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 ✠

Sermon Hymn: WS #784 *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

✠ 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.

Hymn: WS #742 *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

Kansas City Worship – The next Kansas City-area worship service will be held today at 5:30 pm.

Wedding Reminder – Noah Ohlmann and Erica Oster will be wedded in Eau Claire, WI on August 3rd, 2024. The congregation is invited to the ceremony. Even if you are unable to attend, please remember the couple in your prayers, both now as they make final preparations and for the days of their married lives!

The Introit

Ps. 18 (Selected Verses)

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

- P** The Lord was my support in the day of my calamity.
- G** **He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.**
- P** I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.
- G** **For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.**
- P** This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true.
- G** **For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

- P** Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

Mark 6:45-56

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were

hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

2 Timothy 1:3-14

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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 #519

"Beloved It Is Well"

Psalm 56

To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths. A Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath. Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; ² my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. ³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. ⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? ⁵ All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. ⁶ They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. ⁷ For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God! ⁸ You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? ⁹ Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, ¹¹ in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? ¹² I must perform my vows to you, O God; I

"In God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?"