

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 12th – 18th, 2024

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

Mon Matthew 16:13-20 To recognize that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God" is a gift from the heavenly Father. This is also the solid foundation of the church and the entrance to the kingdom of heaven.

Tues Acts 17:15-21 As Paul waits in Athens, he observes that the greatest human wisdom reaches only as high as idolatry. Some "wise" ones look on Paul as a bird picking up a seed here and a seed there, but still want to hear what he will come up with.

Wed Acts 17:22-34 When Paul stands before the worldly wise, he approaches them about the ignorance they already confess: "an unknown god." He proclaims the God of the Bible to them, and His Son, whom He raised from the dead.

Thurs 1 Samuel 7:5-12 When the Israelites gather before the Lord to confess their sin, the princes of the Philistines think it a good time to attack. But the Lord thunders and the Philistines are routed. The Lord has helped His people! (V12)

Fri 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 In encouraging the Corinthians' gift, Paul points to the Macedonians as an example. Of their own free will they first gave themselves to the Lord, who has already given Himself for us all (v9).

Sat Luke 5:1-11 Early in his relationship with Jesus, Peter gets a glimpse of how far above him Jesus is (v8). Jesus puts his fear to rest, and the fishermen become followers.

August 11, 2024
11th Sunday after Trinity



O GOD, BE
merciful
TO ME, A SINNER!



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #27

“Oh Bless the Lord, My Soul”

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. 68:1, 3, 5-7, 10, 19, 35

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

P God is in his holy habitation; [He] settles the solitary in a home.

C **The God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.**

P God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

C **But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!**

P O God, when you went out before your people, in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

C **Blessèd be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.**

Thank you to Len Benter for leading the service last week!

Call to St. John's, Okabena, MN – Members of Faith, two Sundays ago, I received a call from St. John's Lutheran Church of Okabena, MN to be their pastor following Pastor Jim Albrecht's retirement at the end of 2024. As always, I ask for your prayers, and I invite your input.

Voters' Meeting – A brief voters' meeting will be held following the conclusion of today's service. There are a few matters that need to be discussed with regard to the new roof. The shingles on the roof were damaged in the hail storm a few months ago, and our insurance company has totaled it out. We will be replacing the shingle roof with a metal roof that, prayerfully, should last many decades. In the back of the church there are printouts with the various color options for the metal roof.

CLC Call News - Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ has **received** the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh has **received** the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN following Pastor James Albrecht's retirement at the end of the year.

ManUp! Weekend - Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, 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 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheranorg> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

merciful to me, a sinner!" 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Christians Need Correct Posture

- I. Stand tall in self-righteousness—God will cast you down
- II. Bend low in repentance—God will lift you up in Christ!



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 #323 *"With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"*

✠ 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 #384 *"Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion"*



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 and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

2 Samuel 22:21-29

"The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me. ²² For I have kept the ways of the LORD and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²³ For all his rules were before me, and from his statutes I did not turn aside. ²⁴ I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt. ²⁵ And the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight. ²⁶ "With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; ²⁷ with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. ²⁸ You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. ²⁹ For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness.

1 Corinthians 15:1-10

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

☐ 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 #378

"All That I Was, My Sin, My Guilt"

Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be

