Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 26h - 31st, 2024

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

Mon Matthew 5:13-16 The Lord makes His disciples the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This gives them the purpose, not to serve themselves but others, and to glorify their heavenly Father.

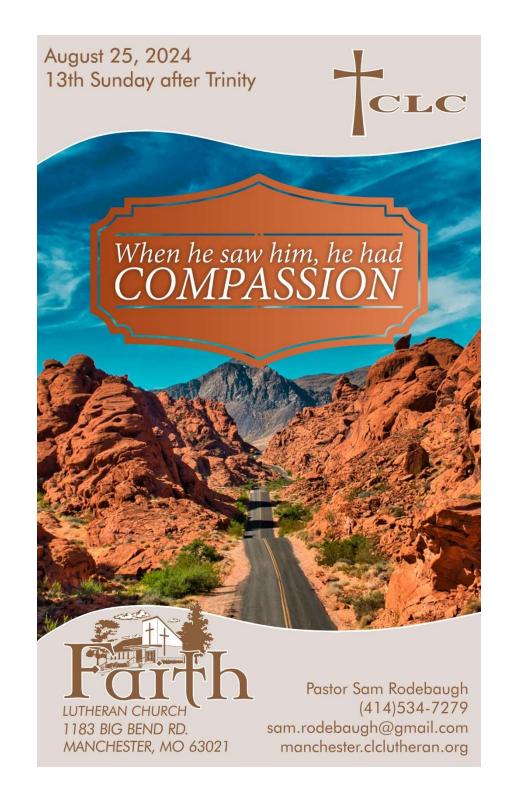
Tues Matthew 5:17-19 God's Word and Will is not done away by Christ, but fulfilled. Thus following Him in His kingdom will mean walking in His fulfillment as children of the heavenly Father.

Wed Acts 20:17-21 As the apostle Paul sets his face toward the end of his ministry, he bids farewell to the elders of the church at Ephesus. He sums up his message to them as "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (V21).

Thurs Acts 20:22-31 Paul does not expect to see these coworkers again, but reminds them of the whole counsel of God and their charge to watch over the Church which Christ purchased with His own blood.

Fri Acts 20:32-38 The apostle entrusts the overseers of the church not to silver and gold, but to the Word of God's grace. With this they will be equipped to help the weak and remember Jesus' words.

Sat 2 Samuel 12:1-10 Nathan is sent to David, not to destroy him, but to call him to repentance and faith. Thus the prophet begins with an account which calls for David's judgment, and then he brings that judgment to bear on David's own actions. God's result: (v13).



→ Opening Prayer →

Hymn: TLH #16 "Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word"

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

C ♪ Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

© Congregation

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

P Behold the Father's love,

(John 3:17)

- For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
- P Behold the Son's grace,

(Matthew 20:28)

- The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.
- P Behold the Spirit's patient teaching, (1 Corinthians 2:12)
- Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.
- P Please come to us Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
- Show us Your love, show us Your grace, and bind us together through Your Gospel of peace.
- P Father in heaven, we come before You out of need. You provide all that we need for body and life. You shower us with blessings too numerous to count. But our response to your generous care falls short in every way.
- We are sinful from birth, and we have also sinned against You daily through things we have said, thought, and done. We can do nothing to erase the record of our sins, and so we come before You seeking help for our greatest need. Forgive us Father, and take away our guilt.

Hymn: TLH #323 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"

With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pardoning grace is rich and free, -O God, be merciful to me! <u>CLC Call News</u> – Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO *is still considering* the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN following Pastor James Albrecht's retirement. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD and Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Ipswich, SD has *received* the call to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN.

Need for Sponsors – Kinship is facing the largest seminary sponsorship shortage in many years. Currently, there are still 10 seminarians in need of support. While we give thanks for the increasing number of overseas seminarians preparing to spread the gospel, we pray for an increased resolve to support their training. Please consider sponsoring a seminary student in one of the many schools partnered with Kinship-Tanzania, India, Nepal, Togo, Congo, and Nigeria. The approximate cost of a sponsorship is \$40--\$50/mo (\$500--\$600/yr). To begin a sponsorship or for more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl at 507-381-2042 or danroehl@hotmail.com.

Prayer Opportunities:

- Please thank the Lord for returning Len and Carol's daughter **Carey** home following her surgery last Sunday. Ask the Lord to continue give her strength!
- Please ask the Lord to help **Marilynn**. Her hope is to move soon to Meramec Bluffs; she is currently on the wait list.
- Please ask the Lord to keep Missionary Ohlmann safe during his current travels to Mexico. Ask that the Lord would bless his work in the Kingdom!
- 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.
- Please pray for **Lydia** who began basic training this week.
- Please pray for Sara Wenner's aunt **Sharon**. Sharon's husband Dale passed away two weeks ago. Ask the Lord to comfort Sharon and her family.

stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Like a Good Neighbor, Jesus is There

The Offertory

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

☐ A 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 #349:1-3, 6 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

+ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer +

The Benediction

Hymn: TLH #439

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

- 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.
- ☐ Amen, amen, a men.

"O God of Mercy, God of Might"

Nor alms nor deeds that I have done, Can for a single sin atone. To Calvary alone I flee, --O God, be merciful to me!

- P God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (1 John 1:9; 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)
 - ☑ And now, redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed throng I dwell, My raptured song shall ever be, God has been merciful to me!

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all Creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Collect Prayer of the Day

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

- P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** ♪ Amen.

2 Chronicles 28:8-15

The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters.

They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹ But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into

your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. 10 And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? 11 Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you." 12 Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³ and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." 14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. 15 And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

Galatians 3:15-22

To give a human example, brothers: even with a manmade covenant, no one

annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. ¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the

promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. ²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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 #289 "The Law Commands and Makes Us Know"

Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I

do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who