

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 6-11, '20.

Mon Jeremiah 20:7-13 Jeremiah considered God's business to be his business, and he spoke for God, but when he suffered public scorn and got jailed for being God's spokesman (7-8), he retreated into silence. He suffered that way, too (9-10), so what could he do? He committed himself, his future, and the future of his people to the LORD (11-12). God manages to carry the day as He sees fit; praise the LORD (13)!

Tues Matthew 10:24-33 Jesus knew that His disciples would need lots of help to face public slander—and not buckle under (24-25). *"Don't let them scare you,"* He said, *"as you go public with My word (27). You may be murdered [martyred], but you are precious to Me (30-31) and I will be your defender on Judgment Day (32). Too bad about the others (33)!"*

Wed Romans 5:12-21 The Spirit moved Paul to lay it out in a logical manner—that God has countered human negatives with His superior positives; like this: Via Adam sin and death had their day with Adam's tribe (12-14)—which God counterbalanced by His *grace and the gift of Jesus*, the superior Adam (15). In other words, God's grace has superseded mankind's sinfulness (16), and Adam's disobedience has been counterbalanced by Jesus' obedience (17-19). So, *where sin abounded, God compensated, so that grace might reign [be superior] through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!*

Thurs Psalm 31 Sprinkled among dark verses about those who have made themselves adversaries to God—are bright verses that display Christian fortitude . . . all in prayer format. David craved God's support because of his failing strength (6-13), and his heart (soul) recovered from near collapse by trusting in the LORD (14-20). He offers good advice: "Love the LORD! Be of good courage! When you are on God's side, you are safe!"

Fri Matthew 10:34-39 Jewish Christians were at peace with God, but that didn't mean their neighbors were at peace with them. In fact, a man's foes would be those of his own household. Sometimes the hard choice has to be made: whom do we love most of all? If the answer is "Jesus," we should realize that being devoted to Jesus will cost self-sacrifice. Jesus did it for us, so we cling to Him through thick and thin; heaven is our home.

Sat Acts 13:4-12 WOW! Dealing with a false teacher as Saul did is no child's play. Note that Saul was *filled with the Holy Spirit* when he slapped down Elymas, so we are sure that Saul was not acting selfishly. God directs us to perform a miracle just as forceful: quarantine yourself against them (Romans 16:17-18) lest their virus infect you—as it infected the false teachers.

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Trinity 4

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 35:1-10

¹ Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! ² Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! ³ Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!" ⁴ Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life! Let them be turned back and disappointed who devise evil against me! ⁵ Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away! ⁶ Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them! ⁷ For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life. ⁸ Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it! And let the net that he hid ensnare him; let him fall into it-- to his destruction! ⁹ Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his salvation. ¹⁰ All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?"

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #511:1,4,6 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.
6. Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.



- ☞ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
☞ Amen.

Last Week (6/28) WH – 34

General = \$1,815.93 | Tuition = \$350 | ILC Scholarship = \$50

Total Offering = \$2,215.93

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Cleaning (7/11): Rodebaugh

Acolyte (7/12): Mason

Romans 15:13 (ESV) *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.*

Pursuit of Happiness?

Yesterday, we celebrated the 244th birthday of the United States of America. July 4, 1776 was the day when Congress voted to adopt the Declaration of Independence, effectively beginning the formation of the country we know today. Near the beginning of that document lies its most well-known line: "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Boy, do we ever use our lives and liberties to pursue our own happiness! The pursuit of happiness has been used as an unassailable defense for every manner of sinful choices. "Do whatever makes you happy," they say. Whatever your mind can imagine as a source of happiness is deemed valid and given approval, so long as it doesn't infringe on anyone else's happiness. And so the "pursuit of happiness" has become an idol in our country, as millions serve only their own pleasure.

It could be argued that life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness—these aren't necessarily God given rights at all. And any that were given by God were given up when we sinfully rejected God's will in our lives, claiming for ourselves death as our only true "right." Nevertheless, God declares for us an independence which we could never declare for ourselves. Independence from sin, independence from shame, independence from the weight of guilt that we so often carry—Christ's blood spilled on the cross has blotted out each one.

Do you want happiness? Instead of pursuing it, consider the happiness God has given to you instead. The almighty, holy God has declared that between you and him, there is actually peace. No matter how unhappy your life may sometimes seem, God has declared that you can still hold onto the certain hope of deliverance from death and hell through your Savior. That is true happiness!

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

- 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 #577

"God Bless Our Native Land"

1. God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand Thro' storm and night! When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.
2. For her our prayer shall rise To God above the skies; On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry, God save the State! Amen.

✠ Announcements ✠

Quarterly Voters Meeting

is today. If you are a voter, PLEASE stay for this meeting!

Katelyn Sue Goodwin was born last Saturday at 1:42 pm, weighing in at 7 lbs and 1 oz. After some additional care for Megan, mother and daughter are now both doing well. Katelyn will be re-born at her baptism in next Sunday's service. Thank the Lord for taking care of them both!

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ July 5: Voters' Meeting
- ✠ July 5: Mask-On Service 9 am
- ✠ July 12: Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ July 19: Mask-On Service 9 am
- ✠ July 26: Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ July 13-24: Pastor Vacation

Shut-in/Encouragement List Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain. Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Bill Issitt III remains mostly housebound due to poor health. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound. Crystal Shaw recently had a heart operation recently and is recovering. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating quickly. Bob Doriot recently underwent hip replacement and is awaiting another hip surgery. Paulette Galstad is suffering through bad back pain. Mark Moorehead is recovering from surgery. Mr. Beymer is still quarantined at Southern Gardens. Belinda King is struggling through a prolonged respiratory illness that has greatly affected her ability to continue working as a nurse. Loye Issitt is doing well after her last operation. Jo Ann Sedberry's has been hospitalized and is under medical surveillance.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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.
- 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.
- 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.

INTROIT

Ps. 27:1-5

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

- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- C** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- P** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- C** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.
- P** For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

Response: TLH #644 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

- Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P** Let us pray. O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

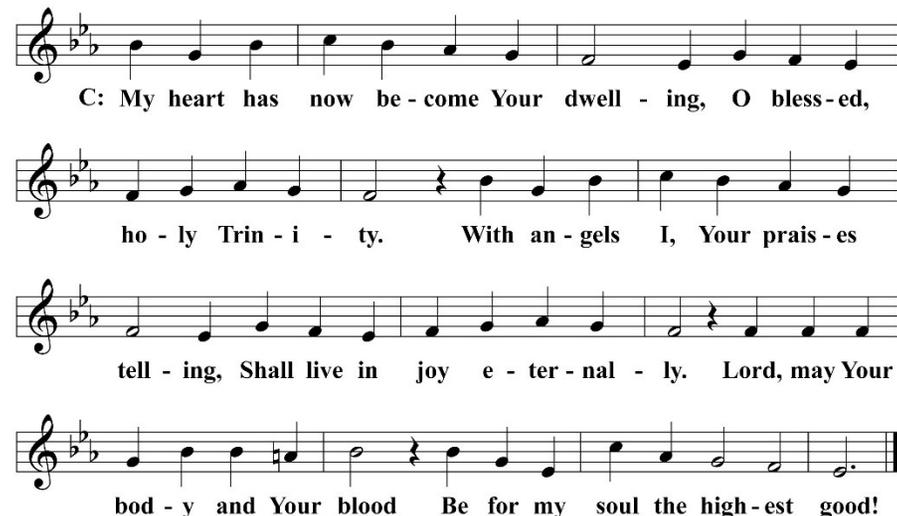
- G** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 58:6-12 "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ¹⁰ if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. ¹¹ And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. ¹² And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 5:43-48 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute



- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain seated.

- P** Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C ♪ 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 Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #439:1-4

"O God of Mercy, God of Might"

- O God of mercy, God of might, In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever, in Thy sight, To live our life to Thee.**
- And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That fallen man might live
thereby, Oh, hear us; for to Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.**

3. Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught, To feel for those Thy blood hath bought That every word and deed and thought May work a work for Thee.

4. All are redeemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died. Oh, teach us, whatsoe'er betide, To love them all in Thee!

SERMON – Philippians 1:27-2:4 ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. ¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.



All for One and One for All

- I. Christians are companions in faith
- II. Christians are companions in suffering
- III. Christians are companions in love

OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

☩ 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.

HYMN: TLH #464

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
4. When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
5. This glorious hope revives Our courage by the way,
While each in expectation lives And longs to see the day.
6. From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

The Offering plate is in the middle of the aisle.

PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER



Order of Holy Communion



- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts!
- C** **We lift them up to the Lord!**
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

- C** **☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**