

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 5-10, '20.

Mon Isaiah 55:6-9 [Catch the sequence]: We should *seek the LORD* before it's too late, and mundane interests grow into barriers between us and the LORD. It happens all the time that a child of God neglects caring for his soul, soon partners up with the *wicked*, and lets his mind go into the gutter with the *unrighteous*. *Let him return to the LORD*, for He is waiting (6-7)! Don't underestimate God's good-heartedness, for God doesn't hold a grudge or nurse injured pride as humans do. He's superior to all that folderol (8-9)!

Tues Matthew 20:1-16 How does God operate? He acts as He wishes, sometimes using standard protocol and other times not. Those whom He puts at the head of the line had been hired last, who expect only *whatever is right*. What a generous landlord! All workers in God's vineyard receive *whatever is right*, for God simply cannot do what is NOT right for us.

Wed Philippians 1:18-27 Paul was receiving from God what was right, and he appreciated it—as per this confession: *I rejoice, yes, and will continue to rejoice*. He realized that God had placed him in police custody not to restrict him but to give him access to a whole new audience. His future did not matter, for Christ was being proclaimed; he banked on his Christian friends to understand the entire scenario and respond appropriately (27).

Thurs Psalm 27:7-14 Guilt and shame had imprisoned David's heart, but since he had learned that God was clement to repentant sinners, David called on God for mercy (7-10). Was his repentance genuine? Judging from His prayer, he wanted God to reform his life (11), defend him from the bad guys (12), and never abandon him. We are all learning to live that way (14).

Fri Luke 19:1-10 presents a case-book example of how God interacts with a sinner who seeks His face. That was Zachaeus, a little man in more than one sense. He endured belittling by some (7) and wanted Jesus to know that he made himself little for others (8). Jesus looked into his heart, saw his faith, and reclaimed him. (9-10). [Have we made ourselves little before God?]

Sat Acts 17:10-15 Christians do what they can to help their shepherds avoid trouble and get on with God's work—and Paul moved forward to find Hebrews whom God had been preparing for the gospel (11). We admire the Bereans for their dedication to God and His Word—groundwork laid by the Holy Spirit for their salvation (12). But (wouldn't you know it!), wherever God is building His Church, Satan gets busy doing his dirty work (13). Satan pressured them but could not defeat them (14-15), hallelujah!

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 43

¹ Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! ² For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? ³ Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! ⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God. ⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #39:1,2,4,5 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng: Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!**
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**
- 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.**
- 5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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.**

CLC Call News <> Pastor Stephen Sydow has accepted the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus counselor. <> Mrs. Bethany Gurgel has received the call to serve as the female counterpart in this on-campus counseling program.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **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. **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. **Mr. Beymer** is still quarantined at Southern Gardens. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. **Loye Issitt** is building back her strength. **David Kleinschmidt** is in a rehabilitation facility going through physical therapy.

Last Week (9/27) WH – 27 Orlando – 11

General = \$2,292 | ILC Building = \$20 | CLC Missions = \$100
Tuition = \$675 | Property Improvement = \$100 **Total Offering = \$3,187**
Oct. Usher: Mark Moorehead | **Cleaner (10/10):** Bernthal
| **Acolyte (10/11):** Seth B.

Catechism Review

- 1. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.
- 2. What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?** The Words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
- 3. How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?** Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" which do this. These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.
- 4. When is an individual properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?** Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation. However, a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, "For you," require nothing but believing hearts.

✠ Announcements ✠

Bible Class will continue this Wednesday evening on Zoom at 6:30 pm.

To use Zoom on a computer, you can wait for my e-mail on Wednesday morning and click the link that I share in that e-mail as the meeting time approaches. You will be given the option to either download the Zoom desktop app, which you can do, or you can ignore that and skip down to the small print which says, "If you cannot download or run the application, join from your browser." Both options work well, although using the desktop app does make some things easier.

Alternatively, you can download the Zoom app on your phones. Then, when I send out the email with the link, if you click that link, it will automatically open the meeting up in your app.



If you would like to join but would not like to be seen, the default option when you join the meeting is that your camera and your mic will both not be on. To be seen or heard, you would need to take additional steps. Please take the time out this Wednesday evening to gather around God's Word with your fellow Christians.

Last Wednesday's Bible Class was on arguably the most important topic that you could ever study. It was on distinguishing between "Law and Gospel." The distinction between those two topics is the difference between eternal life and eternal death, and I would strongly encourage you to go watch the class if you were not present for it on Wednesday. You can find it on our church YouTube channel or by going to our website.

CLC Podcasts: Are you looking for some daily encouragement for the low price of zero dollars? Take a listen to the *Morning Chapels from ILC Podcast* or the *Burden and Blessing Podcast*. These Biblical based, easily digestible episodes bring you daily devotions from the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College and discussion from CLC pastors addressing culture and current events in the light of God's Word. These podcasts are available through iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, and other podcast mediums. Search for "Morning Chapels from ILC" or "Burden and Blessing" and subscribe to get daily comfort from God's Word delivered straight to your phone.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ Oct. 4: Masks-on Service 9 am
- ✠ Oct. 4: Communion Service
- ✠ Oct. 4: Boards of Elders/Ed
- ✠ Oct. 7: Zoom Bible Class 6:30pm
- ✠ Oct. 11: Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ Oct. 18: Trustees/Council
- ✠ Nov. 1: Voters' Meeting

☐ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

☑ **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **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.**

☐ 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.

☑ **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. 119

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

☐ Righteous are You, O LORD, and right are Your just decrees.

☑ **Deal with Your servant according to Your steadfast love, and teach me Your statutes.**

☐ Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

☑ **Blessèd are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart.**

☐ Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes!

☑ **Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments.**

☐ Deal with Your servant according to Your steadfast love, and teach me Your statutes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

☐ Let us pray. O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

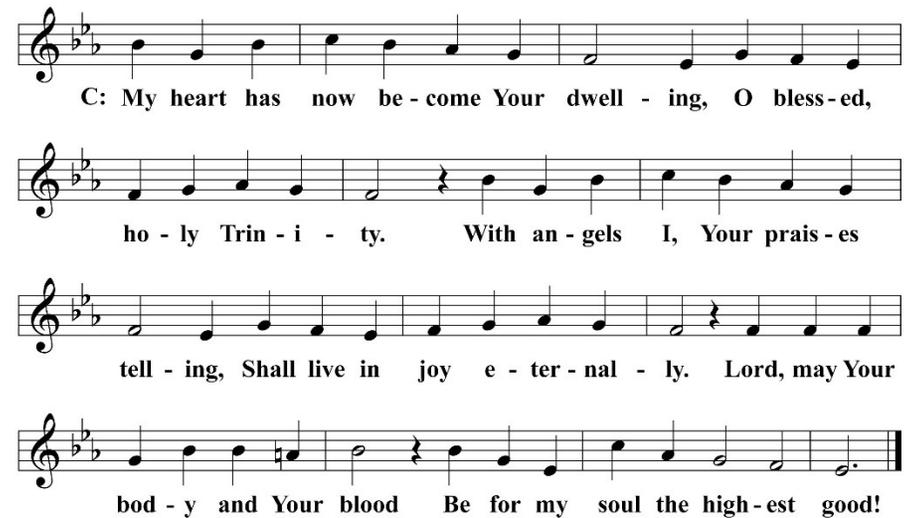
☑ **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – 1 Samuel 2:1-10 And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. ² "There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. ³ Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. ⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶ The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. ⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹ "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. ¹⁰ The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

EPISTLE READING – Jude 20-25 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. ²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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

G ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
 bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

THE BENEDICTION:

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.

G Amen!

HYMN: TLH #398

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

1. Renew me, O eternal Light,
 And let my heart and soul be bright,
 Illumined with the light of grace
 That issues from Thy holy face.
2. Destroy in me the lust of sin,
 From all impureness make me clean.
 Oh, grant me power and strength, my God,
 To strive against my flesh and blood!
3. Create in me a new heart, Lord,
 That gladly I obey Thy Word
 And naught but what Thou wilt, desire;
 With such new life my soul inspire.
4. Grant that I only Thee may love
 And seek those things which are above
 Till I behold Thee face to face,
 O Light eternal, through Thy grace.



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!

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.

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
 light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 as in the be - gin - ning, Is -
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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 #412 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

1. May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfil And do on earth our Father's will As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living Way, With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.
2. So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy power confess, From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name, The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
3. Spirit of Life, of Love, and Peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase, Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

SERMON – Mark 2:18-22 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast."²⁰ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will

fast in that day. ²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins-- and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."



Unnatural Pairs

- I. Drummed-up sorrow doesn't belong with Christian joy
- II. Pharisaic legalism doesn't belong with Gospel freedom

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 #358

"Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee"

1. Lamb of God, we fall before Thee, Humbly trusting in Thy Cross. That alone be all our glory; All things else are only dross.
2. Thee we own a perfect Savior, Only Source of all that's good. Every grace and every favor Comes to us through Jesus' blood.
3. Jesus gives us true repentance By His Spirit sent from heaven; Whispers this transporting sentence, "Son, thy sins are all forgiv'n."
4. Faith He grants us to believe it, Grateful hearts His love to prize; Want we wisdom? He must give it, Hearing ears and seeing eyes.
5. Jesus gives us pure affections, Wills to do what He requires, Makes us follow His directions, And what He commands, inspires.
6. All our prayers and all our praises, Rightly offered in His name,-- He that dictates them is Jesus; He that answers is the same.

PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

Order of Holy Communion



- ☐ The Lord be with you.
- ☞ **And also with you.**
- ☐ Lift up your hearts!
- ☞ **We lift them up to the Lord!**
- ☐ 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: Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:
 - ☞ **♩ 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!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

- ☐ 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.