

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 7-12, '21

Mon Deuteronomy 5:12-15 We love our heavenly Father, so we do not find His commandments grievous; He loves us enough to provide for our physical rest and spiritual refreshing. The qualifier *“To keep it holy”* is of the essence; we *keep it holy* when we dedicate it to our redeemer God—and we try to do so with prayers, Bible study, worship, and testimony. Our Sunday services are not Jewish Sabbath observances, and for good reason.

Tues Mark 2:23-28 Jesus is our guide into all truth, leading us to perceive that God did not intend this commandment to be a burden. So, whatever makes it a burden is not God-pleasing. Jesus understood the Sabbath law that way, and He practiced it that way, as did David and the priests/clergy in performing their Temple duties. Thank You, dear Savior!

Wed 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Q: Who created the Universe, *commanding light to shine out of darkness? Who has shone in our hearts*, enlightening us to see how splendid God is? A: Trinity God, with Jesus Christ up-front (6). Knowing God via Jesus is such a *treasure* that we can take all kinds of abuse without collapsing (8-9). So if-and-when this happens to you, it's a reflection of Jesus' suffering and death - - all for your benefit (10-12).

Thurs Psalm 126 There are all kinds of *captivity* (economic, social, spiritual), so we apply God's Word wherever and whenever it fits. In King David's era, God's people were recovering from civil war. In Luther's time, God was doing even greater things, and so it goes throughout the centuries. Hard times are followed by good times; God turns a tough beginning into a happy outcome (5-6). *The LORD has done great things for us, whereof we are glad* (3).

Fri John 12:34-36 The Bible is universally available, and the Bible has God's answer to every valid question. However, the skeptics had already dismissed Jesus as the Light of the world (ch. 9) and needed to recover from that mistake. So, Jesus put their question “on hold” and urged them to take current advantage of His light. Would they come to the Light and escape the darkness of separation from God?

Sat Acts 27:1-12 Some might consider this to be a Mediterranean cruise, but the ship was not a luxury liner, and Paul was not a workaday sailor but a prisoner manacled with others headed for trial in Rome. Evidently each port-of-call was important to Luke and Paul (2-3). Although weather conditions were threatening, and Jesus (who controls the weather) was giving notice that things were about to get worse, the non-Christians thought they were smart enough to chart their own course. Bottom line: Man proposes; God disposes.

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 126

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." ³ The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! ⁵ Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! ⁶ He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #145:1,3 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

- 1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.**
- 3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for
Thee! May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever Dwell the cross, the Crucified!**

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

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!

KINSHIP COVID Aid - With the recent surge of COVID infections in Asia, our brothers and sisters in Christ in India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh are suffering as they struggle to stay healthy and provide for daily necessities due to the lockdown measures that are being strictly enforced. Both the CLCI and BELC report deaths of pastors and members. Also, Pastor Jyothi in India was hospitalized and was very near death. He was able to receive care in an ICU bed for a few weeks where he received lif-saving treatments while he was unconscious for several days. We thank our Savior that Jyothi has recently been released from the hospital and is staying with a relative near the hospital. He is currently receiving oxygen and injections to prevent blood clots. With all of this and more, the CLC Board of Missions and the KINSHIP Committee have decided to provide financial help to assist with humanitarian efforts and medical bills. Offerings to the KINSHIP General Fund will help with this effort to help those who are suffering in Asia at this time. Please remember our brethren in your prayers!

Men's Retreat - The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers 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. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

Christ's Explorers Camp, Aug. 12-15, in TN: Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp Thursday, August 12 - Sunday, August 15, in Pigeon Forge, TN! Registration is open to students entering grade 3-9 for the 2021-22 school year, registration limited to first 25 boys and 25 girls, and then a waiting list. Camp registration will be starting on Saturday, May 1, at 8am EDT (7am CDT). Please contact Sara Kloke for more details. Runsforfun@aol.com or 803-530-4424.

Last Week: WH – 45

Total Offering = \$926

General = \$771 | Property Improvement = \$100 | ILC Scholarship = \$55

Cleaner (6/12): Ream | **Acolyte (6/13):** Seth Bernthal

✠ Announcements ✠

Call Returned Pastor has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church of Cheyenne, WY. Thank you for your prayers and for sharing your thoughts with me. I am very blessed to have been called to serve the congregation here, and I pray the Lord will continue to bless all of our efforts to serve His Kingdom!

Lutheran Spokesman and Daily Rest Renewals are due at the end of June. If you **have been** receiving either of these periodicals and would no longer like to receive them, please speak with pastor. If you **have not been** receiving these periodicals and would like to start receiving them, please speak with pastor. If you **are subscribed** to either of these publications, please take a look at the address information on your way out of the sanctuary and make any necessary changes. The Lutheran Spokesman is \$14 for 12 issues. Daily Rest is \$15 for 4 issues. You can pay for the next year of subscriptions in your regular offering by marking it on the envelope.

Vacation Bible School will be held here at church July 19-23. This year, our theme will be "Children of the Heavenly Father." If you are interested in helping in any way or donating snacks, please speak with Pastor. Also, please start inviting any children you might know!

The Property Improvement Fund is still at a deficit, reflecting the cost of re-roofing the parsonage and much-needed septic work across all properties. If you are able to contribute to the **Property Improvement Fund** to help off-set the current deficit, please do so. Thank you!

CLC Call News Ann Sprengeler and Jessica Krueger have been called as co-principals for one year by Faith, Markesan, WI. Ann Sprengeler has accepted the co-principal call. <> Mr. Caleb Noeldner, a member of Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has returned the call by Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA. They have now called Mrs. Michaela Winters, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. <> Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Board of Ed, Trustees, Church Council
- ✠ **June 13:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **June 24-27:** CLC Convention
- ✠ **July 4:** Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- ✠ **July 11-17:** Katie Naumann Move
- ✠ **July 18:** Teacher Installation
- ✠ **July 19-23:** Vacation Bible School

INTROIT

Ps. 62:5-8

- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.
- G** **For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.**
- P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- G** **On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**
- P** Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

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 - shipped 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P** Let us pray. Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 5:12-15 "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

EPISTLE READING – Colossians 2:13-17 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. ¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

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

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 #316:1,5

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

- O living Bread from heaven, How richly hast Thou fed Thy guest! The gifts Thou now hast given Have filled my heart with joy and rest. O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift professing, In thankful songs o'erflows; For while the faith within me Was quickened by this food, My soul hath gazed upon Thee, My highest, only Good.**
- Oh, well for me that, strengthened With heavenly food and comfort here, Howe'er my course be lengthened, I now may serve Thee free from fear! Away, then, earthly pleasure! All earthly gifts are vain; I seek a heavenly treasure, My home I long to gain, My God, where I shall praise Thee, Where none my peace destroy, And where my soul shall raise Thee Glad songs in endless joy.**

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.

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 #65:1-4 "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition"

1. When sinners see their lost condition And feel the pressing load of sin And Jesus cometh on His mission To heal the sin-sick heart within, All grief must flee before His grace, And joy divine will take its place.
2. When Jesus enters meek and lowly To fill the home with sweetest peace; When hearts have felt His blessing holy And found from sin complete release, Then light and calm within shall reign And hearts divided love again.
3. When Jesus enters land and nation And moves the people with His love; When, yielding to His kind persuasion, Our hearts His truth and blessing prove, Then shall our life on earth be blest, The peace of God on us shall rest.
4. When Jesus comes, --O blessed story!-- He works a change in heart and life; God's kingdom comes with power and glory To young and old, to man and wife; Through Sacrament and living Word Faith, love, and hope are now conferred.

SERMON – Matthew 12:1-8 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." ³ He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: ⁴ how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵ Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? ⁶ I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷ And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

Finding Our Sabbath Rest

- I. Our version of "rest" involves only self-care
- II. Jesus' version of "rest" involves only you-care

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 #9:1, 3-4

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

1. **O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright, On thee the high and lowly Before th' eternal throne Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," To the great Three in One.**
3. **Thou art a cooling fountain In life's dry, dreary sand; From thee, like Nebo's mountain, We view our Promised Land; A day of sweet reflection, A day of holy love, A day of resurrection From earth to things above.**
4. **Today on weary nations The heavenly manna falls; To holy convocations The silver trumpet calls, Where Gospel-light is glowing With pure and radiant beams And living water flowing With soul-refreshing streams.**

✠ PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER ✠

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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: Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and 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!**

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." And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!

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.

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The Order of Holy Communion

