

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 19-24, '21

**Mon Amos 7:10-15** It helps to know that the Hebrews were split North and South, and God sent Amos to denounce both sections for deserting God. That didn't sit well with the archbishop of Bethel (10-11), who forbade Amos use of the royal chapel for his pulpit. "Go home!" (12-13) Amos admitted that he had no skin in the game (14), but since the LORD had signed him up, he had no choice but to obey God's directives (15).

**Tues Mark 6:7-13** Miracles are God's power tools; He uses them as needed in the up-building of His Kingdom. People are impressed by miracles; they can carry enough clout to strike Satan out of his stadium (7). Further, God opens hearts and homes for His missionaries (8-10), because most people want to be on God's side, not on Satan's team, a squad of losers (11-13).

**Wed Ephesians 1:3-14** What a great line-up of blessings we have! Even prior to Creation, God chose to adopt us into His family (3-5). Why? Because He is goodhearted and generous (5-6). What else does He accomplish with His love? He transfers to us the value of Jesus' self-sacrifice (7-8)--which is no longer a secret, for He has *made it known* to us that Jesus Christ is the key to God's heart and plans, all the way into His living room (9-14). Praise the Lord!

**Thurs Psalm 78** God's plans were no secret to ancient Israel, where parents schooled their children in God's Word—Reader's Digest version (12-30). We get choked up to hear how the Hebrews bounced back and forth (over the centuries) between rebellion and repenting, and how God forgave their iniquity over and over again (32-66) until He chose David to shepherd His people. Bottom line: God is greater than anyone would ever expect.

**Fri Matthew 15:21-28** Jesus took a detour into Philistia, a non-Jewish land, a leftover of heathen Canaan. For what good reason did He do so? To have mercy on that particular woman burdened by love for her suffering child. When Jesus put her love to the test—and the courage of faith, too—she held fast to both, which Jesus expected and rewarded. She depended on Jesus to help her, despite their ethnic difference.

**Sat Acts 28:25-31** History does repeat itself, doesn't it? In Paul's day, God opened His heart again and again to people He had selected for great blessing—but His love bounced off them like water off a duck's back (26-27). God could have bottled up His love and never let it breathe again, but He chose a different course – to pour out His love onto all humanity (28). God kept Paul busy *preaching the kingdom of God* to everyone and anyone within earshot. God's love shined into that corner of the world hour after hour, from sunrise to sunset, for two whole years. Amen.

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Trinity 8/Teacher Installation

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LET THE  
LITTLE CHILDREN  
COME TO ME



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## PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 119:129-135

<sup>129</sup>Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. <sup>130</sup>The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. <sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. <sup>132</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. <sup>133</sup>Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. <sup>134</sup>Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. <sup>135</sup>Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

P Pastor

C Congregation

### OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #484

**"We Bid Thee Welcome In the Name"**

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

C ♪ A - - - men.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

**Vacation Bible School** begins tomorrow morning and will run from July 19-23. This year, our theme will be "Children of the Heavenly Father." Please pray for the children and teachers throughout the week, asking that the Lord would bless the Gospel message as it is proclaimed to the children from the community! The VBS children will be singing next Sun.

**Pastor and family** will be out of town for a few weeks on their family vacation for the wedding of Nathan Rodebaugh and Kendra Naumann in Eau Claire, WI on August 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need to reach out to Pastor for any reason during this time, please do not hesitate to do so. We will be having the regular church services as scheduled, led by various laymen.

**Offering Envelope Funds** As a reminder of the various funds that appear on your offering envelopes and their uses: **Home Funds** are offerings that go to support the work of our local congregation. **Synodical Funds** are offerings that go to support the work of our synod as a whole. **Home Operating Budget** – The recurring expenses to keep the church and school running, such as payroll, insurance, maintenance, etc. This is our most used fund. **Building Fund** – Special large ticket items such as air conditioner replacement or plumbing repairs. **Property Improvement Fund** – Special large ticket improvement items for church buildings. **ILC Scholarship Fund** – Tuition assistance for children of church members to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. **Tuition Grant Fund** – Tuition assistance for children to attend our own school here at Immanuel. **Benevolence Fund** – Used to help families (primarily church families) with any special needs. **CLC Offerings (Missions)** – Support for Immanuel Lutheran College operations and CLC Mission endeavors. **ILC Building Fund** – Supports new or updated buildings at Immanuel Lutheran College. **CLC Student Aid Fund** – Tuition assistance for students who attend Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. **Other** – All other funds not listed above, such as Memorials or Petty Cash or Kinship.

**Shut-in/Encouragement List** Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound. Paulette Galstad is suffering through bad back pain and other health problems. Greg Tincher is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. Rudy Enriquez is receiving treatment for throat cancer. Shirley Rosenberry is struggling with severe knee pain which has greatly limited her mobility. Liz Hartmann is home recovering from recent surgery. Sharon Brown has been receiving radiation treatments for cancer for several weeks.

**Last Week:** WH – 23 Orlando – 12

**Total Offering = \$861**

General = \$696 | Property Improvement = \$100 | ILC Scholarship = \$50 | Daily Rest = \$15

**Cleaner (7/24):** Rodebaugh | **Acolyte (7/25):** Landon Goodwin

## OFFERTORY

- C** ♪ 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.

**Hymn: TLH #628**

**"Shepherd of Tender Youth"**

### - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1**

**"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

- C** ♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.



## Installation of Kathleen Naumann



## PRAYERS & 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.
- C** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

**HYMN: WS #780**

**"Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give"**

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Welcome!** To the newest addition to our church family, our new teacher, Miss Katie Naumann. She moved into her apartment this past Thursday with the help of her parents and several members of Immanuel. Thank you to everyone who helped with the move and to all who donated pantry items and other supplies to welcome Katie. Please remember to keep Katie in your prayers as she adjusts to life here in Florida and she begins her work teaching the children in our school!

**Thank You** to Professor Paul Naumann for preaching this morning for Katie's installation.

**A Potluck** is being held after church in honor of our new teacher. Please be sure to stay and introduce yourself to Katie and her family and welcome her to our church family.

✠ July 19-23: Vacation Bible School  
 ✠ July 25: VBS Students Sing  
 ✠ July 25 : Orlando Service 8 am  
 ✠ Aug. 1 & 8: Lay-led Services  
 ✠ Aug. 8: Orlando Service 8 am

## INTROIT

*Ps. 34:8-11*

- P** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- C** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
- P** Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!
- C** The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- P** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

## GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*

**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Prov. 2:6*

- P** Alleluia. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Alleluia.

## THE KYRIE

*Latin for "O Lord"*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**G** ♪ **All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

**P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** ♪ **A - - - men.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Deuteronomy 6:1-9** "Now this is the commandment-- the statutes and the rules-- that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, <sup>2</sup> that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**EPISTLE LESSON – Romans 12:1-8** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he

ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLH #629**

**"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"**

**SERMON – Mark 10:13-16** Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." <sup>16</sup> And He took them up in His arms, put *His* hands on them, and blessed them.

### OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

I. Children ARE for the kingdom.

II. The kingdom is for CHILDREN.

*Preaching today is Professor Paul Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.*