

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 23-28, '21

Mon Proverbs 9:1-6 The Bible is full of picture language, and we understand that here Wisdom is being personified—described as a person who is productive and practical (1-2), hospitable and generous (3-5), offering a life-plan that will serve us well (6). Godly wisdom is no stranger to us, but a valuable companion at our back when our boots are on the ground (10).

Tues John 6:51-58 Bread doesn't serve its purpose until it is ingested and digested; then its food value does some good. Eating Jesus does not mean cannibalism or the Lord's Supper, but is picture language for appropriating His person, letting Him provide support from the inside-out. Verse 35 is the key; eating and inwardly digesting Jesus = becoming united with Him and receiving His accomplishments in humble faith.

Wed Ephesians 5:15-21 Now, when we have appropriated/ingested Jesus in our hearts, what is He going to do inside there? He's going to re-configure our mother board, change our default settings, and enlarge our parameters – so that we can maneuver around life's low spots (15-18) and take the high road, devoted to godly messaging and loving fellowship.

Thurs Psalm 1 This psalm describes how Christians conduct themselves when rubbing elbows with raw humanity. First, we don't fall for the spiel of ungodly people; they don't have God's blessing. Second, we take the high road, not the low road. Third, we don't set ourselves down on the bleachers of the opposing team. Rather, in contrast, we enjoy Bible study because that's how God gets us to grow and prosper—while losers stay losers (4-5). Lord, have mercy on our generation!

Fri John 7:37-44 What Jesus calls "*living water*" can hardly cistern water, nor even river or lake water, for He says that it is *living*—lively and bubbly. Artesian water is bubbly, naturally purified and germ free; Jesus can pipe it into a person's heart, where it continues to bubble up inside that person and floats him/her along all the way to heaven. Now, what IS this life-giving and life sustaining water? What fits better than God's Spirit-empowered Word?

Sat Psalm 103:2-3 The psalmist makes a generous assertion when he says that the LORD *heals all our diseases*. Though our bodies are fragile, our health compromised by ailments, our lives mortal, and medical/hospital care does what it can, the bottom line is that God has programmed our blood to combat infection, our endocrine system to regulate all biological processes, and our immune cells to suffocate Covid 19 mutations, etc., etc. That's how God heals us from the inside-out. Then Jesus heals us from the virus of sin; that's His specialty. Thank You, dear God, for healing us in body and soul.

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 123

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

P Pastor

C Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #540

“With the Lord Begin Thy Task”

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.

The Internet at Immanuel is currently down. As such, the worship service today will not be available online in video format, although the sermon and bulletin may be found on the website in their usual spots.

Resignation – The following is from recently retired ILC Professor and former Immanuel Pastor John Reim: “Due to the CLC’s resolution of June 26, 2021 not to adopt the Joint Statement as a settlement of differences between the CLC and the WELS/ELS regarding the doctrine of the termination of fellowship, I am discontinuing my membership at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners and in the CLC. -John Reim”

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. **Greg Tincher** is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. **Shirley Rosenberry** is struggling with severe knee pain which has greatly limited her mobility. **Liz Hartmann** continues to recover from surgery, but she is improving. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain and suffered a recent fall. **Rudy Enriquez** has been declared cancer free and a “one in a thousand case.” Praise the Lord for His loving care! Friend of Immanuel **Monique Desrochers** is hospitalized with COVID and invites your prayers on her behalf. **Craig Owings** is very sick and in need of prayers.

Two Weeks Ago: WH – 32

Total Offering = \$2,145

Gen. = \$1645 | CLC Missions = \$100 | Property = \$300 | ILC Scholarship = \$100

Cleaner (8/28): Custodio | **Acolyte (8/29):** Seth Bernthal

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

G ♪ 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.

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.
- G** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: TLH #334 "Let Me Be Thine Forever"

✠ Announcements ✠

Sharon Brown passed away on Thursday, August 13th. Her memorial service was held yesterday at Oak Ridge Funeral Home in Winter Haven, led by Pastor Rodebaugh. It was well attended by family and friends from out-of-state as well as several members of Immanuel.

Dan Gurgel passed away suddenly on Monday, August 16th. He was the father of Joel and Gina Gurgel, the uncle to Neil Bernthal. Dan's memorial service will be held with a full honor guard at Bay Pines National Cemetery on Monday, August 30th, at 2:00p.

- ✠ **Aug. 29:** ILS Students Sing
✠ **Sept. 4:** Communion Service
✠ **Sept. 4:** Bible Class and Sunday School Begin
✠ **Sept. 4:** Bds of Ed & Elders
✠ **Sept. 11:** Orlando Service 8 am

Immanuel High School Opening Service: The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be on Sun. Aug. 22, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. This service will also include the installation of Professor David Schaller. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in God's saving Word!

CLC Call News Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Rapid City, SD has *returned* the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Saint Louis, MO. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran Church of Tacoma, WA, has *received* the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY. <> Mrs. Louise Mayhew has *received* the call to serve a one-year, part-time call, teaching the upper grades at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. <> Michael Sprengeler has *received* the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD.

INTROIT

Ps. 111:1ff

- P** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!
- G** Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
- P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- G** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- P** He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- G** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

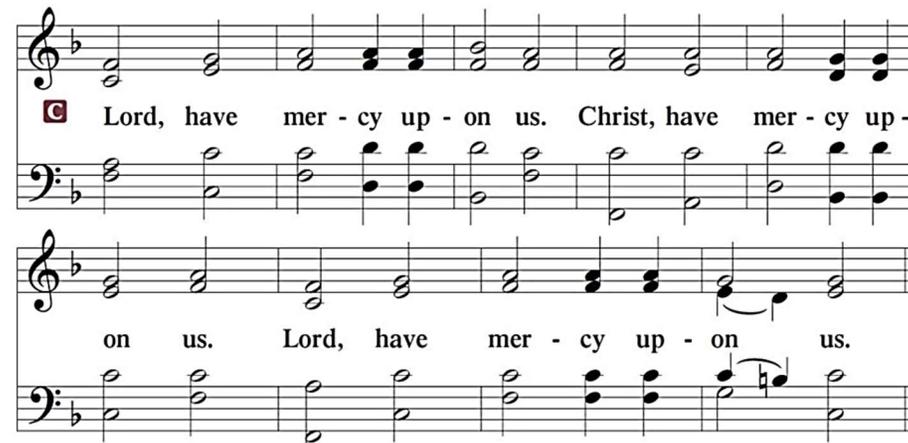


G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 6:68

- P** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.



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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

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 Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

EPISTLE LESSON – Ephesians 5:15-20 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 #395:1,2,7,8

"O God, Thou Faithful God"

SERMON – John 6:47-59 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

The Heavenly Solution to Our Earthly Dilemma



OFFERTORY

G ♪ 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 #383

"Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way"