

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 11-16, '21

Mon Genesis 2:18-24 Adam had a lot going for him: life, liberty, and a pleasant environment, but after reviewing all the animals, he arrived at the conclusion that no mate for him existed in the animal kingdom (19-20). Since he lacked a mate (and family), God created Eve—whom Adam received as his counterpart, his companion, and his life-long partner (23-24).

Tues Mark 10:2-16 Humans are fickle, questioning God's good judgment (2-5) when He created humans as male and female, separate in personhood and distinguishable from one another—yet when conjoined in marriage, fused in body and spirit (7-9). Humans often mess up this fine arrangement without God's approval (10-12), so He starts over with the next generation (13-16).

Wed Hebrews 2:9-11 Here's a secret revealed: God's Son joined the human race for the express purpose of countering humanity's sin syndrome, taking the bite out of death—which wasn't easy but brutal and bloody. *Tasting death for everyone* offers a brief reminder that Jesus' descent into the hellish nightmare He suffered was done to spare you and me from hell.

Thurs Psalm 139:7-12 Humans are stupid enough to try to get away from God—but not even the grave turns out to be a good hiding place (7-9). God is not only inescapable but also omnipresent; in love He doesn't let His children fall through the cracks. Though we live in a cracked world ready to fall apart at the seams any day now, our Father holds us in His hands. Safe at last!

Fri John 8:3-11 Since God despises sex sins—including adultery, those who are living in such sins deserve to be executed. Right? Yes, that's right—but God has provided the escape clause of repentance and forgiveness (6-11). Actually, since all are guilty of sins that deserve the death penalty (6-9), everyone should remove themselves from jury duty and allow God to do what He does best: forgive repentant sinners and send them on their way.

Sat Ephesians 5:22-33 puts us to shame, for too often Christian wives do not *submit themselves to their own husbands as (they submit) to the Lord Jesus Himself* (20-24)—and too often husbands do not *love their wives as Jesus loves His bride*, the holy Christian Church of all believers (25). Note: Jesus worked at His/our marriage (26) so that His bride/we would be proud to stand at His side (27).

Dear husbands and wives, don't let another day go by without renewing your vows/love to one another!

God help us to do so – in service to our Savior also!

October 10, 2021

Trinity 20

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 139:12-18

¹² Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you. ¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #37 "Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee"

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

G ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

G Congregation

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.

G ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

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

G ♪ **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.

G **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.

G ♪ A - - - men.

✠ Announcements ✠

Offering Statements

have been delivered by our Financial Secretary to your church mailboxes four times per year for quite some time. At the voters' meeting last Sunday, it was decided that for most people one-time per year offering statements is adequate, and for that reason, you can expect your offering statements to arrive only yearly. If you would like to still receive your statements quarterly, please speak with Pastor Rodebaugh or Paul Kuehne.

✠ **Oct. 10:** Orlando Service 8 am
✠ **Oct. 17:** Trustees & Council
✠ **Oct. 17:** Bible Class & SS 9:15a
✠ **Oct. 24:** Orlando Service 8 am

CLC Call News Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, **has received** the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, **is still considering** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Fall Mission Webinar The Committee of Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – marktiefel@hotmail.com. The webinar theme is "Mission Myths" and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>

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. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain and suffered a recent fall. **Craig and Kay Owings** are both at home and are still recovering from their bouts with COVID. **Liz Hartmann** continues to recover from eye surgery, but is still having various health problems. **Gail Sedberry** has been struggling with various health issues lately, please pray that her doctors will be able to give her a diagnosis.

Last Week: WH – 38

Total Offering = \$2,461.80

General = \$1,949.25 | Missions = \$50 | Property = \$100

ILC Scholarship = \$50 | Revolving Fund = \$312.55

Cleaner (10/16): Ream | **Acolyte (10/17):** Hayden Morris

called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

"It Is Not Good that the Man Should Be Alone"

- I. Therefore, God provides human companionship
- II. Therefore, God provides divine companionship

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 #473 "The Church's One Foundation"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1 "Lord, You Love..."

- C** *♩* Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

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: TLH #625 "Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"



Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God. 1 John 4:7

INTROIT

Ps. 127:1ff

- P** Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
- C** Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.
- P** Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
- C** Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

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

Mark 10:14b

- P** Alleluia. Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 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 Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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GOSPEL LESSON – Mark 10:2-16 And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away."⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment."⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'⁷ 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.'⁹ So they are no longer two but one flesh.⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.¹¹ And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her,¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.



EPISTLE LESSON – Hebrews 2:9-11 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers.

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 #624

"O Blessed Home Where Man and Wife"

SERMON – Genesis 2:18-25 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be