

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Mon John 8:12-16** Jesus declares Himself the "Light of the World," giving His followers the "light of life." When Pharisees object to His testimony, He points out that the heavenly Father who sent Him backs Him up.

**Tues Romans 10:8-13** It is believing in Christ that brings the status of "righteous," not our keeping the law. This is true of Jew and non-Jew alike. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (v13).

**Wed Romans 10:14-18** It is the Lord who sends His preachers to proclaim the good news and cause the light to shine on the earth. Faith comes from hearing the message through the word of Christ (v17).

**Thurs Genesis 50:15-22** Joseph's brothers fear his reprisals after their father has died, but Joseph has forgiven them and has seen how God turned their evil into good and ended up blessing many people.

**Fri Nahum 1:15 – 2:1-13** Nahum prophesied judgment upon Nineveh and the Assyrians. This meant good news to Judah and total devastation to the Assyrians who thought they could defy the Lord.

**Sat 1 John 1:5-10** God is light. Sin is darkness. To claim fellowship with God and remain in darkness is to lie, but the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin (v7).

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Quinquagesima

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Walk  
by faith  
and not by sight



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

**Hymn: WS #777** "Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"

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

**C** Amen.

### Confession of Our Sins

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

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

**P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive our sins.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

*"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." (John 20:23)*

### The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

*Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"*



**With the Lord** – Our brother-in-Christ, Bill Eigenberg, departed this life to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be held at LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center in Windom on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. His victory service will be held here at St. John's on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, with a 9 am visitation and a meal to follow.

**Lent Begins** – Lent begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday worship at **6:30 pm**. This year, we are doing a pulpit exchange, and our theme is "Sounds of the Passion."

**Suraya Strike** will conclude her student teaching here this Thursday. May the Lord continue to bless her and her family!

**Choir Practice** – St. John's choir has begun practicing for the upcoming Lent and Easter season. Practices will be held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM and also on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM before the evening worship services. We welcome any new members that would like to join—please speak with Phil Strike if you are interested!

**Basketball Practice Today** in prep for the 3/14-16 EC tourney.

**Mission Helper Trip Fund** – If you are able and willing to contribute funds to help offset the costs for Larry Boernsen to travel to Nepal this summer as part of the 2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal, you are invited to do so by contributing to our **Mission Helper Trip Fund**, by marking donations as such on your offering envelope. (Use one of the blanks on the left side of the envelope.)

**Our Website** is currently under construction, please excuse anything that looks out-of-place at the moment.

<b>Ushers</b>	3/2	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	3/9	Kendall B, Larry B.
	3/16	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
<b>Cleaning</b>	This Week – Fogelman, Ahrens (wk. 4)	
	Up Next – The Voits	

## ✠ The Sermon ✠



## Isaiah 35:3-7

Strengthen the weak hands,  
And make firm the feeble  
knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who are  
fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will  
come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will  
come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be  
opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then  
the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb  
sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams  
in the desert. <sup>7</sup> The parched ground shall become a pool, And  
the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals,  
where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

## "Be Strong, Do Not Fear!"

I. Don't trust what your eyes tell you

II. Trust what Christ tells you

## The Offertory

*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

**✪ Create in me a clean heart, O God. 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 salva-  
tion. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

## ✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #263

"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

## ✠ The General Prayer &amp; The Lord's Prayer ✠

## The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

**✪ 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.**

**✪ Amen!**

Hymn: TLH #435

"My Spirit on Thy Care"

(P:) Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo - ple on  
earth. (C:) Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we  
give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.  
For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone  
are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most High,  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect Prayer of the Day

**P** O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**



### Luke 18:31-43

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. <sup>35</sup> As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup> And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup> And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." <sup>42</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup> And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is

patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**C ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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



Baptism Ratification of  
**Isabelle Quinn Albrecht**



## Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**C 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.**