

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Mon John 17:20-26** Jesus prays not only for His disciples, but also for those who will believe through their testimony. He desires them to be one with God and with each other, that the world may know God's love.

**Tues 1 John 5:12-21** The one who has the Son has life. Thus to prevent one from having the Son is to be a purveyor of death. But whoever is born of God (v18) repents of sin and looks to Christ, the true God (v20).

**Wed Exodus 17:8-16** The Lord preserves His people through the "banner" of God's staff (v9), held up by Moses. When Moses' arms tire, those who are one with him, Aaron and Hur, support both of his hands.

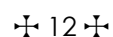
**Thurs Luke 24:44-53** After His resurrection, Jesus continued to open the disciples' minds to the Scriptures. On Ascension Day He was "taken up into heaven" (v51), and they returned to the city, blessed and very joyful.

**Fri Ephesians 4:7-13** The blessings of the ascended Lord to His Church are many and great, intended to build up the body of Christ until we all reach oneness in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God (v13).

**Sat Genesis 5:21-24** Enoch "walked with God" (v22,24) and, reconciled to God through the promised Savior, he was taken by God without dying (cp. Heb 11:5). Elijah was another taken without dying (2 Kings 2).



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Liturgy: WS p. 12

Organist: Kathy Lueck



FOR THERE IS ONE GOD  
&  
ONE MEDIATOR  
*between*  
GOD & MEN  
*the Man Christ Jesus.*

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #457

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**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 & 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 birth. 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!



**The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri**

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



**Register NOW for ManUp!**

✠ **When:** September 25-28, 2025

✠ **Where:** Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI  
See Map

✠ **Why:** Biblical Encouragement for Men (18 and older)

✠ **What:** Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team Building and Encouragement for Men, and Worship, as well as activities like Rock Climbing, Hiking, Arrow Tag, Mountain Biking, Trivia Challenge, Grilling, Bonfires, and Music.

✠ **2025 Theme:** Ephesians 2: 8-10 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (ESV)

✠ **Registration:** \$75 (\$150 after August 30)

✠ **Deadline:** August 30, 2025

**CLC Call News** – Professor Joel Gullerud of Immanuel Lutheran High School, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to serve as principal of Immanuel Lutheran K-12 School, Mankato, MN. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

**"How does the Lord's Supper forgive sins?"** Jesus earned the forgiveness of sins on the cross once for all -- the Means of Grace (the Gospel in the Word and the Sacraments) deliver it. The Bible of itself does not save (it's paper and ink), but it delivers Jesus and forgiveness of sins to me. Water of itself does not save, but with the Word in Baptism, it delivers Jesus and forgiveness of sins to me. Bread and wine of themselves do not save, but with the Word, they deliver Jesus and forgiveness of sins to me.


**Summer Schedule** – Our summer schedule begins next weekend. This means that next Sunday, the worship service will be held at 9:30 am. The service will be followed by Family Bible Class at 10:30 am.

**Graduation Invitation** – The congregation is invited to Caleb Eigenberg's graduation reception on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 3 pm at 37168 State Highway 62, Heron Lake, MN.

**Directory Updates** – On the table in the entryway are the current on-file addresses and phone numbers for the members of St. John's. Please take a look at your listing and update any out-of-date addresses or phone numbers. After finishing, put a checkmark next to your name. Even if you haven't had any updates, please still verify the information is correct and place a checkmark so we know everything is up-to-date. Thank you!

**The Branches** is a women's magazine that serves to encourage you in your Bible study, edify you in your daily walk with Christ, and strengthen the bond of fellowship among Christian sisters. Renewals, new subscriptions, gift subscriptions all can be done at this time (deadline of June 15, please). Subscriptions are \$16.00 per year for 4 issues (print or digital version). All subscriptions and subscription inquiries can be sent to: Sandy Hulke / Subscription Manager / 29985 Norway Ave, Lindstrom, MN, 55045. Payments can be made by PayPal (email Sandy for details) or check (payable to The Branches). Email: [the-branchesmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:the-branchesmagazine@gmail.com).

<b>Ushers</b>	5/25	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	6/1	Kendall B, Larry B.
	6/8	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
<b>Cleaning</b>	This Week – The Eigenbergs (Wk. 4)	
	Up Next – Fogelman, Ahrens	



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 - shiped 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.

### Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

**P** O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



### Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom.

And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned,

for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.



## 1 Timothy 2:1-6

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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

**G** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

### Confession of Faith

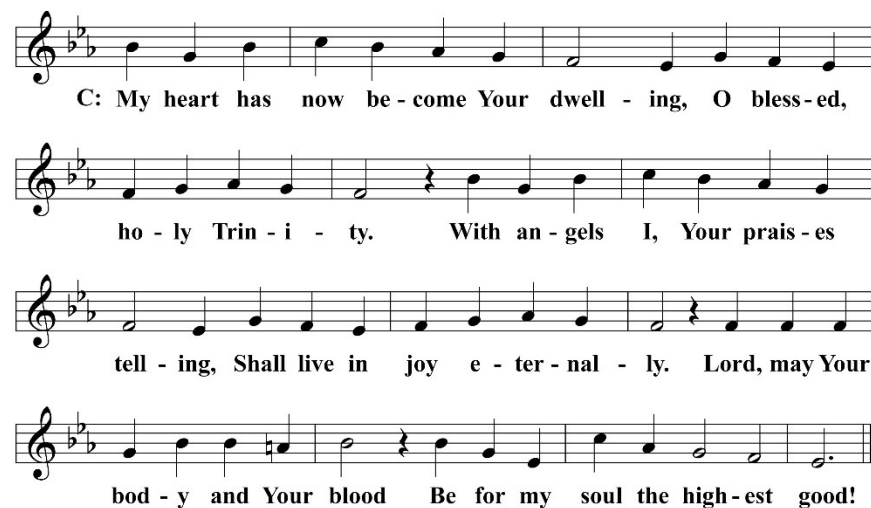
*The Nicene Creed*

**G** 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**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



### The Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

**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 #45**

*"Now, the Hour of Worship O'er"*

**Saint Gone Home** – This past Monday, in His infinite wisdom, the Lord called our sister-in-Christ Sue Aden home to his eternal rest. We thank the Lord for the time of grace which He gave her to find true and lasting peace and rest in her Savior Jesus. Sue's funeral is planned for Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 am with the visitation beginning that morning at 9 am.

**Bridal Shower** – A bridal shower is being planned for Lydia Strike to be held this coming Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm. All the ladies of St. John's are invited.

**Thank you** to all who came to support our students during their musical this past Wednesday! And thank you to the students and teachers for putting in so much work for a great evening!

### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

### ✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

#### Distribution Hymns:

TLH #307; WS #755; TLH #311

*After the distribution, we'll continue with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis:*



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in - One; For  
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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 #515

"O Thou from Whom All Goodness Flows"



### John 16:23-33

In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." <sup>29</sup> His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

### In Jesus, You Have Peace

- I. The peace of no questions asked
- II. The peace to ask and receive

### The Offertory

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

- C** *♩ 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.*

### ✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #456

"Approach, My Soul, the Mercy-Seat"

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

- 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 truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

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### The Order of Holy Communion



C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### The 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." The peace of the Lord 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. Sustain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

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