

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 23rd – 28th, 2025

Mon Matthew 5:1-12 Blessings are pronounced upon the lowly ones in this life (vv3-6), who also reflect their Savior's mercy, purity, peace, and sufferings (vv7-12) in their daily walk. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

Tues Acts 2:42-47 As the early Christians continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching, they also showed their Lord's love to one another and were viewed favorably by all the people (v47).

Wed Exodus 34:1-10 Moses ascends Mt. Sinai again with stone tablets. The Lord, compassionate and gracious, promises to do marvelous things for His people, which all the people around them will see.

Thurs Psalm 139:1-6 The Psalmist sings of the wonders of our God. He is All-knowing! He knows where we go, what we do. And even before there is a word on our tongue, He already knows it completely.

Fri Psalm 139:7-12 Our God is present everywhere, so He is able to be with us always, guarding and guiding us by His hand. When things are dark for us, they are never dark for Him, but light as day!

Sat Psalm 139:13-24 Our God has shown His great power in our creation, and His goodness in His precious thoughts toward us! He would never side with the wicked. Lord, lead me always in your way!

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1st Sunday after Trinity

June 22nd, 2025

Liturgy: WS p. 12

Organist: Lana Strike



MY HELP COMES
FROM THE
LORD
WHO MADE
HEAVEN AND EARTH.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #522

"When in the Hour of Utmost Need"

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 un-failing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

Have mercy
on me, *O God,*
according to your
steadfast *love.*

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"



Summer Parades – Our church will have a float in several parades again this summer. There is a labeled box in the entry-way for candy donations. Thank you for your help!

Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 6, immediately following the morning worship service. Each Board should plan on sending one member to join the Chairman and Treasurer in order to draft the proposed 2025-2026 budget before our July 20 Quarterly Meeting. Please reach out to Treasurer Nathan Albrecht or Chairman Phil Strike if you have any questions.

CLC Call News – Rebecca Buck of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Erin Franson has **received** the call to serve as the female Mentor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College <> Mr. Rick Mariner has **accepted** the call to serve as principal of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. <> Leah Baumann has **received** the one-year call to teach part-time at St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran Church of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, has **accepted** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. Pastor Gantt will continue to serve the members of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA in a dual parish arrangement. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Ushers	6/22	Kendall B, Larry B.
	6/29	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	7/6	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
Cleaning	This Week – DeWall, Bass (wk. 4)	
	Up Next – Zuehlke, Winters, Appel	

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #33

"The Lord hath Helped Me Hitherto"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

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 #48

"How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word"

Open House Party – An open house will be held for Lylas Eigenberg's 90th birthday. Sunday July 6th, 2-4 pm at the Cottonwood County Historical Society (812 4th Ave., Windom.) No gifts please. Cards can reach Lylas at 725 Fuller Dr. Apt. 104, Mikkelsen Manor, Windom, MN 56101.

Church Cleaning List – A new church cleaning list is being finalized for the coming year. If you would like to be added or removed from the list please speak with Connie DeWall.

Ladies Night Out – Tuesday, June 24th at 6pm at Snappers in Okoboji. The sign-up sheet is in the entryway.

VBS is scheduled for July 21st – 25th. We will be in need of many volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time to this important work of the church. There are many roles to fill, including teaching, crafts, copying/printing, games, music. If you are able to serve, please sign-up on the sheets in the entry. If you have any questions, please speak with VBS Superintendent Kassie Voit or Pastor Rodebaugh. Thank you!

Take-Home Sheet – In the bulletin this week (and moving forward) is a sheet with prayer opportunities and space for sermon notes. I hope these will be beneficial to you!



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

- P** O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.



Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought

him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.



1 John 4:16-21

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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 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 #532

"Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord"



Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house-- ²⁸ for I have five brothers-- so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

There Are No "Self-Made" Men

I. Not here in time II. Not hereafter in eternity

The Offertory

G *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.*