

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 11th – 17th, 2025

Mon Matthew 6:19-21 The earthly honor and treasures that people set their hearts on are temporary and soon fade away. The treasures in heaven, which are ours through Christ, are unfading and worth our hearts.

Tues Matthew 6:22-23 Just as the eye affects even where we put our feet, so if our heart treasures the wrong things, it will affect not only our destination, but also our walk through life.

Wed Acts 6:1-7 When a difficulty arises in the young Jerusalem church, the apostles choose the path of love, and the congregation chooses deacons full of the Spirit to distribute food to all the widows.

Thurs 1 Samuel 10:17-27 Samuel calls the people together, but it is the Lord who chooses the one to rule over His people as king. When humble Saul is brought forward, most rejoice, although some still oppose him.

Fri Psalm 119:105-108 It is the Word of the Lord that teaches our feet where to walk, especially in days of suffering. Though we may suffer much, it cannot take away the eternal blessings for which we praise God.

Sat Psalm 119:109-112 Not just accidents and illness cause suffering, but snares may also be placed in my path by other people. Nevertheless your Word, O Lord, still brings joy to my heart, direction to my path!

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8th Sunday after Trinity

August 10th, 2025

Liturgy: WS p. 22

Organist: Lana Strike



HE WHO
HAS MY WORD,
LET HIM SPEAK
MY WORD
FAITHFULLY.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #290

"We Have a Sure Prophetic Word"

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

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

G Congregation

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

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- G** If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- G** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us pray.
- G** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The Gloria Patri

TLH 377:10

- G** ♪ All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God that saved us by His grace—All glory to His merit! O Triune God in heaven above, Who hast revealed Thy saving love, Thy blessed name be hallowed.

Pastor will be returning home this evening.

Women's Retreat West Registration Open – Registration is now open for this year's Women's Retreat West, to be held in Sioux Falls from September 19-21. The theme this year is "Pieces of Jesus' Peace". To register, please head over to womensretreat.clclutheran.net, click on WEST, and fill out the form. If you would rather register over email or have any questions, reach out to womensretreatwest@gmail.com.

St. John's Members Prayer Opportunities – **Ask** that the Lord would continue to strengthen Mary Durst's health, so that she may return to church as she greatly desires. **Ask** the Lord to continue strengthening Judy Marschel after her successful hip replacement surgery. **Pray** for Nancy Jensen that the Lord would relieve the intense nerve pain that she has been suffering from. **Pray** for Izzy Albrecht, who will be having a minor surgery on August 13th.

CLC Call News – Mr. Peter Reim has **returned** the vacancy call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has **accepted** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Dave Schierenbeck has **received** and **accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Ushers	8/10	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	8/17	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	8/24	Kendall B, Larry B.
Cleaning	This Week – Link, Rovere, Sumey (wk. 3)	
	Up Next – The Albrechts	

The Offertory

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- 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.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #357

"Jesus, Thou Art Mine Forever"

✠ 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 #395:1-3,7

"O God, Thou Faithful God"

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Ladies' Aid will meet this Tuesday, August 12th starting at 6 pm. If you are able to join, we will be cleaning!

Ladies' Night Out – Thursday, August 21st at 6:30 PM at Meadow Forge Flower Farm in Lakefield. Join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship, including a tour of the flower fields and guidance on picking and arranging your own bouquet. Each participant will take home their personally created arrangement. The cost is \$35 per person, and all supplies are included. Space is limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP by August 14th to reserve your spot. Sign up-sheet is in the entryway. Payment can be placed in Mary Albrecht's mailbox, and any questions can be directed to her.

Membership Directory – The membership directory has been updated, but before printing, you are asked to look at the list in the entryway and double-check for any errors. Thank you!

The Introit

Ps. 48:1, 3, 9-11, 14

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
- G** **As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**
- P** Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, his holy mountain.
- G** **Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.**
- P** Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!
- G** **This is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

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

- P** Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.



Matthew 7:15-23

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name,

and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'



Acts 20:27-38

"For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful

attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" ³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

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 #292:1-4,9

"Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide"



Jeremiah 23:21-28

"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²

But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³ "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD.

WHEAT SELLERS VS. CHAFF SELLERS:

From Which Will You Buy?

- I. The false prophets offer only the worthless chaff of their own dreams.
- II. The true prophets offer the precious wheat of God's Word.

- Today's sermon was written by Professor Paul Naumann -