

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Mon John 5:19-21** Jesus answers those who claim He breaks God's sabbath law. "Amen, Amen," this is truth: the Son does not act on His own, but does exactly what the Father does.

**Tues John 5:22-24** The Father judges only through the Son, so the Son has equal honor with the Father. "Amen, Amen," this is truth: those who hear my word and believe Him who sent Me have eternal life already.

**Wed John 5:25-29** "Amen, Amen," this is true: now is the time to listen to the Son of God and live! Don't just be amazed, but believe! A time is coming when all in the graves will come forth to live or be condemned.

**Thurs Acts 8:1-8** After Stephen's death, a persecution breaks out, led in part by Saul of Tarsus. He hunts down believers to imprison them. God uses this turmoil to spread His saving Word!

**Fri 1 Samuel 24:2-23** King Saul is hunting down David and his men, trying to prevent David from becoming the next king. David does not return evil for evil, and Saul relents for a time.

**Sat Jeremiah 8:4-9** The Lord does not desire the death of the wicked, but pleads with His people to listen, repent, and live! Even migrating animals know the seasons, but the people cannot see where they are going!

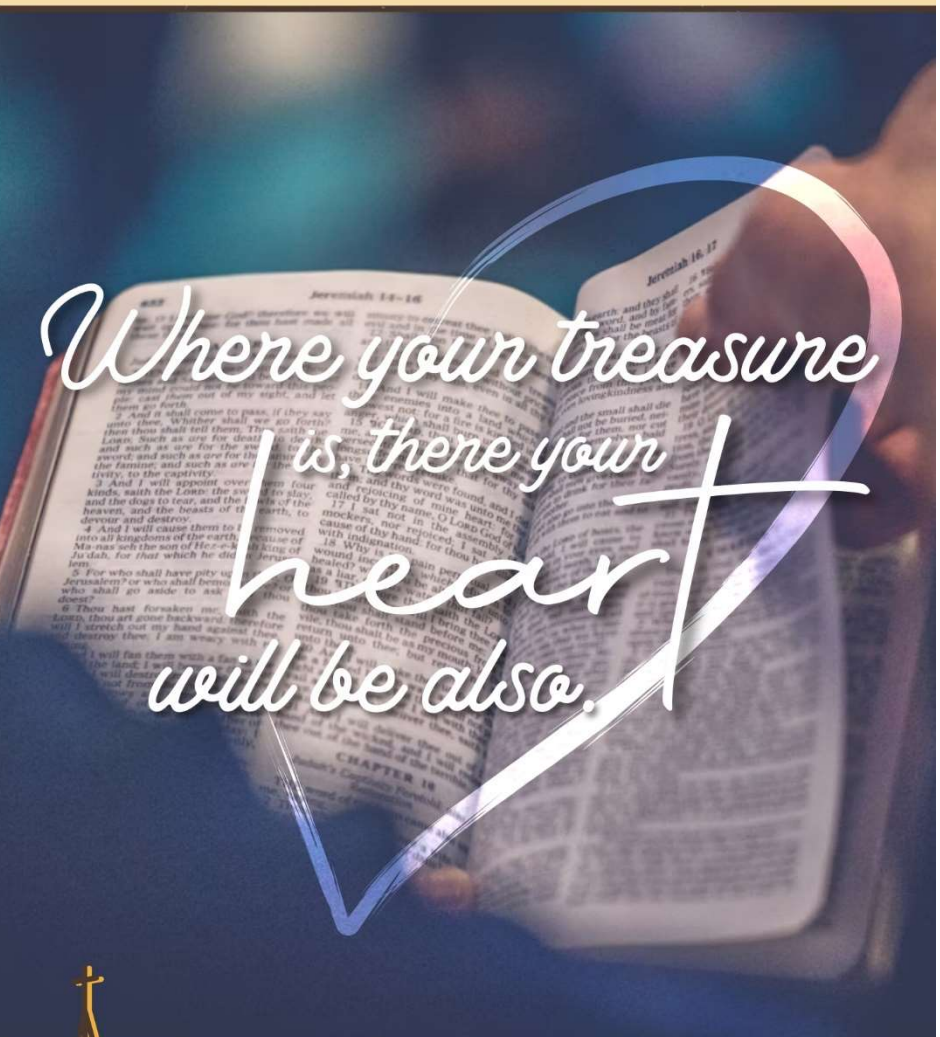
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10th Sunday after Trinity

August 24th, 2025

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# ST. JOHN'S

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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

### Hymn: TLH #24

"Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care"

**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"*

Two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Kyrie and the second is for the Gloria Patri. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## 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.

**C** Amen!

### Hymn: TLH #348

"Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus"

**Schedule Change** – In two weeks, our weekly worship schedule will be returning to the normal times, with Sunday School beginning at 9:15 am, Bible Class beginning at 9:30 am, and the worship service beginning at 10:30 am. This will begin the first Sunday *after* Labor Day, September 7.

**Bible Class** – In two weeks, we'll be resuming our Bible Class study of the Gospel according to Mark. We'll be picking our study back up at Mark 6:45. It would be good to re-read the first six chapters as a refresher before our study resumes!

**Free for the taking** – After the ladies cleaned last week, there is a collection of unneeded items on a table in the fellowship hall. There are a few additional items there now, added since last week. Everything is up for grabs, please, help yourself! Everything left will be donated in a few weeks.

**CLC Call News** – Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

<b>Ushers</b>	8/24	Kendall B, Larry B.
	8/31	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	9/7	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
<b>Cleaning</b>	This Week – The Eigenbergs (wk. 1)	
	Up Next – Fogelman, Ahrens, Sullivan	



# Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

## Luke Season 12: "The Rich Fool."

### 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 salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

### ✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠



### ✠ Installation of Teachers ✠

Mary Albrecht & Lori Ruthenbeck



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

(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, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**



### **Ecclesiastes 1:2ff; 2:18-26**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . <sup>12</sup> I the Preacher have been king

over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup> There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup> for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup> For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.



### **Colossians 3:1-11**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ

is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**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*

**G 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.**