

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Mon John 6:44-47** Coming to Jesus is not something for which we can take any credit. The Father who sent Him into the world is the one who teaches us, draws us to Him, and persuades us to believe in Him.

**Tues John 6:48-51** As great a miracle as the manna in the wilderness was, it did not give life forever. So much greater is the living bread, Jesus, who gave Himself for the eternal life of the world!

**Wed Acts 9:1-9** Saul thinks he is chasing after disciples of a dead Lord, but near Damascus suddenly the living Lord speaks to him, "Why are you persecuting me?" While digesting this, Saul fasts for three days.

**Thurs Acts 9:10-22** The Lord sends Ananias to Saul to restore Saul's sight. After taking some food, he stays in Damascus several days and proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God! Jesus is the Christ! (v20, v22)

**Fri 2 Samuel 12:1-10** After King David has committed adultery and murder, the Lord sends the prophet Nathan to show him his sin and draw him to repentance.

**Sat Job 38:1-11** The Lord responds to Job's erroneous explanations by reminding him of the far greater wisdom and power of the creator of the universe. Who is worthier of our trust than the Lord?

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13th Sunday after Trinity

September 14th, 2025

Liturgy: WS p. 12

Organist: Kathy Lueck



Love  
one another  
just as I have  
loved you.



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

**Hymn: TLH #416** "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

**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.**

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"*



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



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

**Pastor Raju Presentations** – Raju will be in Mankato on Thursday and Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> giving presentations at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Members of St. John's are invited to attend the Thursday presentation, and students are invited to attend the Friday morning presentations. The schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday** – September 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm – Congregational presentation (1 hour)
- **Friday** – September 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:15-9:45 am – K-6<sup>th</sup> presentation (30 minutes)  
9:50-10:05 am – K-12 Chapel (15 minutes)  
10:10-10:52 am – 7-12 Presentation (42 minutes)

**Midwest Women's Retreat** – Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one-day retreat on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm. The theme for the retreat is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image." Presentations will include our Identity in Christ, our Identity Reflected to the world, and Confidence in our Identity. Child-care will be available. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y>. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 / [jtheneman@live.com](mailto:jtheneman@live.com)) with any questions.

**CLC Call News** – Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has **accepted** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has **returned** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

<b>Ushers</b>	9/14	Kendall B, Larry B.
	9/21	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	9/28	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
<b>Cleaning</b>	This Week – The Ruthenbecks (wk. 4)	
	Up Next – DeWall, Bass	



## Galatians 3:15-18

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. <sup>16</sup> Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. <sup>17</sup> This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. <sup>18</sup> For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

### History is Yourstory

#### The Offertory

- 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 #40

"The God of Abraham Praise"

#### ✠ 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.

**C** Amen!

Hymn: WS #797

"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

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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** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## 2 Chronicles 28:8-15

The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters.

They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. <sup>9</sup> But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. <sup>10</sup> And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as

your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? <sup>11</sup> Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you." <sup>12</sup> Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war <sup>13</sup> and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." <sup>14</sup> So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. <sup>15</sup> And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.



## Luke 10:23-37

Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!" <sup>24</sup>

For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." <sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half

dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."



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

🎵 **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 #349:1-2, 5-6

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"