

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 22nd – 27th, 2025

Mon Mark 4:26-28 God's ruling hand does not depend on our effort or understanding. **He** causes the farmer's seed to grow and bear fruit. He also brings the greater spiritual blessings of His rule to His people.

Tues Acts 11:1-18 Peter carefully explains how God brought him to see that "repentance that results in life" (v18) is intended for both Jews and Gentiles. When they heard him out, the others praised God with him.

Wed 2 Samuel 23:1-4 The last words of David, speaking by the Spirit of God, hold before his people the shining righteousness of the Rock of Israel (v3). Like sunshine after rain, the Lord brings life to His own.

Thurs 2 Samuel 23:5-7 Although David confesses his own unworthiness, he rejoices in the everlasting covenant with God that brings salvation and life to those who deserve to be thrown away.

Fri Proverbs 3:1-8 What better gift can a father give to his son than long days, peace, prosperity, mercy, and truth? All these are gifts from God to the children who learn to fear and trust in Him above everything.

Sat Proverbs 3:9-16 Wealth is not the goal in life; it is a gift of God. But the gifts of wisdom and understanding are even greater than silver and gold, and teach us to honor the Lord with our wealth (v9).

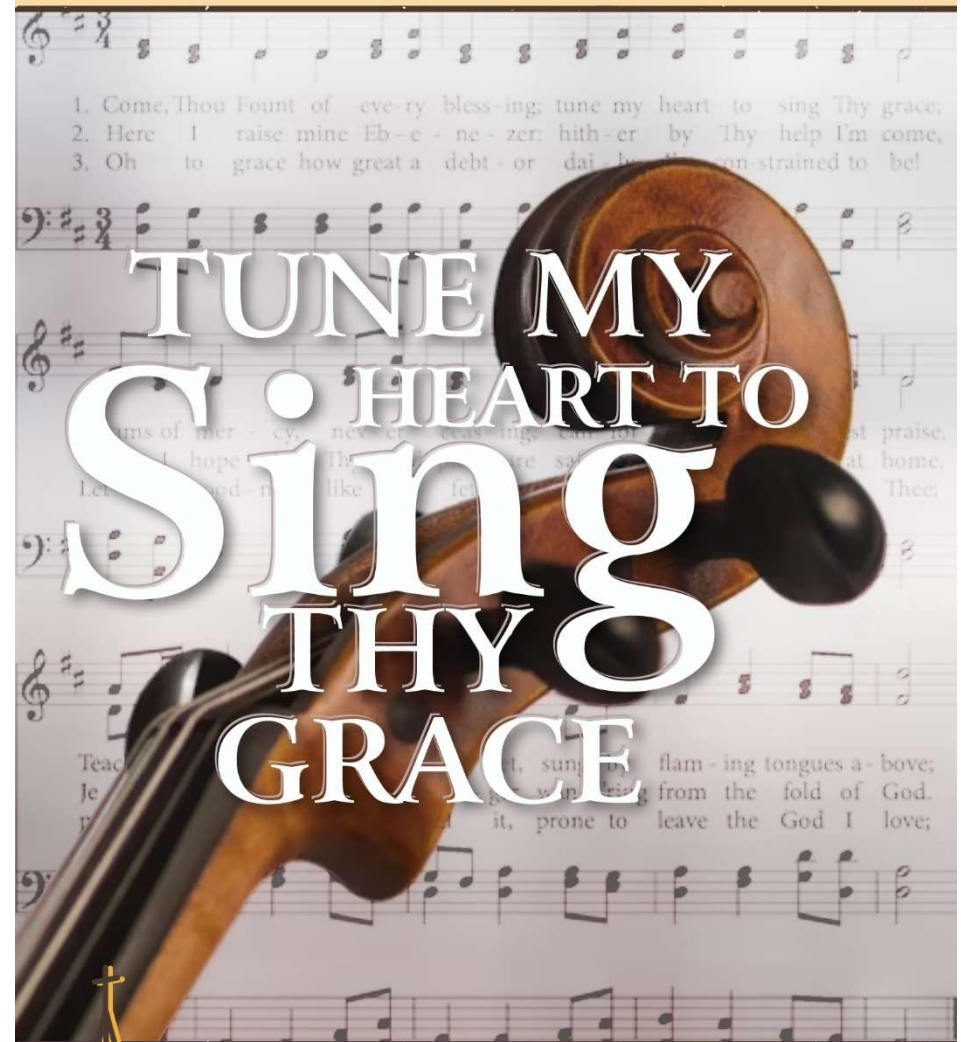
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14th Sunday after Trinity

September 21st, 2025

Liturgy: TLH p. 5

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #398

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

G ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord unto us all.

G ♪ Amen.

Joint Mission Fest – We will be hosting a joint Mission Festival for the CLC congregations in our area on Sunday, November 9th, at 4:00 pm. As hosts, we will be providing a potluck after the service. A joint choir piece is being planned. Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting will be preaching and Pastor Zach Sippert will be conducting the liturgy. Please make a note of the date and time in your calendars!

Midwest Women's Retreat – Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one-day retreat on Saturday, October 25th 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. Childcare 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) with any questions.

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

Upcoming Dates:

Minnesota Pastor's Conference – October 5th - 7th

CLC Teacher's Conference – October 15th - 17th

Reformation Service – November 2nd

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| Ushers | 9/21 | Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R. |
| | 9/28 | Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R. |
| | 10/5 | Kendall B, Larry B. |
| Cleaning | This Week – DeWall, Bass (wk. 1) | |
| | Up Next – Zuehlke, Winters, Appel | |

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #400

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

✠ 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, amen, a - men.**

Hymn: LSB #849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.



The Introit

Ps. 84:1-2, 4, 9-11

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

P Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

C For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

P How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord.

C Blessèd are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

P I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

C The Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Gloria Patri

LSB #686:1

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

C ♪ **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

The Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

The Collect Prayer of the Day

P O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** ♪ **Amen.**



Proverbs 4:10-23

Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. ¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. ¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. ¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. ²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. ²² For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. ²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.



Galatians 5:16-24

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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 #293

"O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"



Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Faith Receives the Greater Gifts

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.