

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 11th - 16th, 2026

Mon John 16:23-30 Jesus looks forward to a time when His disciples will take their requests straight to the Father in His name (v23). As He prepares to leave the world, He assures them of the Father's love (v27).

Tues James 1:22-27 May the Word enter not only our ears. May it also enter our hearts and move us to act accordingly. Then we will be able to bridle our tongues and show God's mercy to orphans and widows.

Wed Jeremiah 29:11-14 The Lord's plans for His people are truly good. He would have them seek Him with all their heart. They will find Him, and He will gather them from all places of exile unto Himself.

Thurs Psalm 124 In Jesus' ascension to heaven (Acts 1:1-11), we see that He is more than just another man. Emphasized by repetition: it was the Lord God who was for us (v1-2). We have escaped (v7) by His help (v8).

Fri Psalm 84 God's children love the place where He, the living God, is! How blessed are all who live in His presence and find their strength in His grace and glory (v11). Blessed is the one who trusts in Him! (V12)

Sat Romans 8:24-28 After Jesus' ascension, the disciples looked forward to the coming of the Spirit with His gifts. He helps us in our weakness when we pray, and He helps us to trust God's good purposes for us.

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6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Liturgy: WS p. 1

Organist: Lana Strike



I will ask the
Father.
and He will give
you another
Helper.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #198

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

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.

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” (John 20:23)

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.

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 #387:9-10 “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

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Delegate Needed – We are looking for one delegate to represent St. John’s at the MN Delegate Conference on Saturday, June 6th at Berea in Inver Grove Heights, as well as at the CLC Convention, Thurs. – Sun., June 25-28. If you are a voting member of St. John’s and are interested in volunteering as a delegate, please speak with Pastor, an elder, or Chairman Strike.

Special Voters’ Meeting – The voting members of St. John’s are invited and encouraged to attend a Special Meeting on Sunday, May 17, in the auditorium immediately after church, for the purpose of calling for teaching help for the 2026-2027 school year. Other Agenda items will include: Another possible Constitution change regarding Voter Qualifications. Any additional Agenda items should be given to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

School Fun Night will be May 19th at 6 pm. Please mark your calendars and come support the students as they present skits, songs, and an art fair! Kindergarten Graduation too!

VBS will be July 13th - 17th. If you would be willing to teach for VBS, please speak with Pastor or a School Board Member.

Ushers	5/10	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	5/17	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	5/24	Kendall B, Larry B.
Cleaning	This Week – Ling, Sumey, Rovere (wk. 2)	
	Up Next – The Albrechts	

does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." ²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." ³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

The Unknown God

- I. Gives us hints so that we seek Him
- II. Reveals Himself so that we know Him

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 ✠

Hymn: TLH #381

"I Know My Faith is Founded"

✠ 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 God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.



John 14:15-21

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."



1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the

spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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.

Hymn: TLH #349:1-2, 5-7 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"



Acts 17:22-34

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth,