

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Mon Luke 16:19-31** In a most memorable account, Jesus shows us the great blessing of having “Moses and the Prophets” (v29,31), the Word of God. It alone convinces us to repent and trust God's forgiveness.

**Tues 1 John 4:16-21** What greater blessing could there be than to remain in God and God in us? God's love drives out fear and gives us confidence on the day of judgment. We love because He first loved us!

**Wed Jeremiah 9:23-24** The world trusts in its wisdom, strength, and material wealth, but the Lord, before whom we all stand, delights in mercy, justice, and righteousness. In these will we find true blessing!

**Thurs Psalm 34:1-10** In a well-organized psalm (Hebrew alphabetical), David praises God for deliverance from a life-threatening situation, and calls on friends to trust Him, too. “Taste and see that the Lord is good!” (v8)

**Fri Psalm 34:12-22** The praise of God means respecting God also in one's life (“the fear of the Lord” v11). This includes speaking truth, turning from evil, and seeking peace. You can trust the Lord to see and save!

**Sat Psalm 119:1-8** This Psalm uses many expressions for “God's Word.” In the first part, we remember that this Word is not burdensome, but “How **blessed** are those who keep (guard) his testimonies.” (v2)

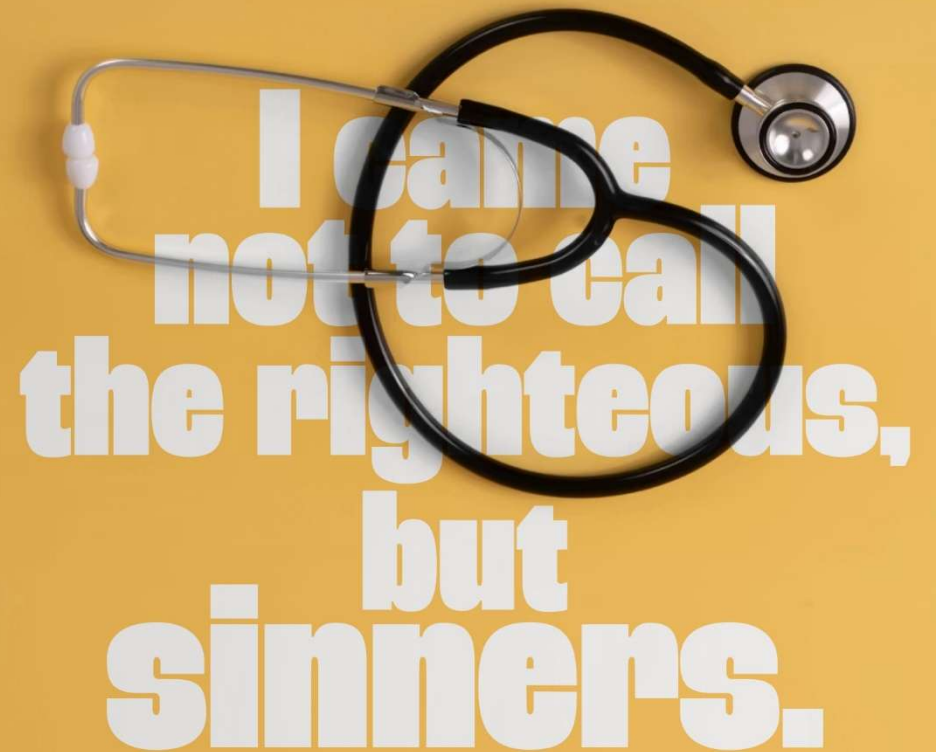
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## 1st Sunday after Trinity

June 7th, 2026

Liturgy: WS p. 22

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #279

“Today Thy Mercy Calls Us”

- 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 daily need His forgiveness.*

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- C** **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.
- C** **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.
- C** **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)*

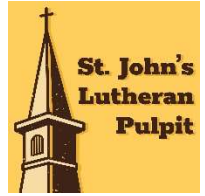
- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**The Gloria Patri**

TLH #39:5

- C** **♩ Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

**Sermon Podcast** – The weekly sermons here at St. John's are now available as a podcast. Search for “St. John's Lutheran Pulpit” wherever you listen to your podcasts and subscribe. If your podcast player does not have it listed, please let Pastor know.



**Joint Bridal Shower** – The Ladies of the Congregation are cordially invited to "Croquet & Tea With The Brides Times Three." Please join us at 11 AM Friday, June 12th, on the back lawn for a card bridal shower to celebrate Hannah, Faith, and Lydia Kazemba. Please RSVP at the back of the church and contact Rebecca Schrader with any questions - 512-966-2156.

**CLC Call News** – Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **received** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose has also **received** the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has **returned** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has **returned** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

<b>Ushers</b>	6/7	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	6/14	Kendall B, Larry B.
	6/21	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
<b>Cleaning</b>	This Week – The Voits (wk. 2)	
	Up Next – The Ruthenbecks	

Hymn: TLH #324:1-3, 8

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

✠ **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: TLH #373:1-4, 7

"By Grace I'm Saved"

**Ladies' Aid** will meet this Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. All the ladies of St. John's are invited to the salad luncheon which will follow the meeting. Please bring a salad to share!

**Family Bible Class** today will be a video from Expedition Bible about Caesarean archeology.

**The Cemetery Board** is asked to meet after church.

**In Need of Boxes?** The Worthington Library just moved buildings and has very many medium sized boxes available. If you are interested in picking some up, please speak with Beth Sorenson.

**Man Up! Weekend** – The 2026 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 24-27, 2026, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. This is the 10th year of the weekend, and will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 30<sup>th</sup> for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after August 31<sup>st</sup>. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). Sign up today!

**The Introit**

*Psalm 50:1, 7-10*

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

**P** The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**C Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.**

**P** Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

**C I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.**

**P** For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

**C The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**Collect Prayer of the Day**

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

**P** Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



**Hosea 5:15-6:6**

Now I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. <sup>6:1</sup> "Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup> Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." <sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the

dew that goes early away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.



### Romans 4:13-25

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring-- not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"-- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.



### 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 #387:1-5     *"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"*



### Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. <sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

### Jesus Calls the "Wrong" Guy (Thank God!)

#### The Offertory

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**♪ 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 ✠