

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Mon Luke 14:16-24** Jesus pictures God's invitation to a banquet rejected in favor of earthly pursuits. The result: those handicapped in such pursuits are brought in, and others from highways and hedges.

**Tues 1 John 3:13-18** The world hates, but our Jesus loves, and laid down His life for us. We also will want to use the things of this life to help those in need where we can, truly loving both in words and actions.

**Wed Isaiah 25:6-9** Isaiah also used a banquet to picture God's blessings for all peoples (v6). Death will be swallowed up, and tears will be wiped away (v8). This is the Lord! We waited for Him, and He saved us! (v9)

**Thurs Psalm 28** God's children call to Him and plead for His mercy when suffering at the hands of the wicked (God's enemies). They leave the punishing of the wicked to Him (v4-5), and rejoice in His salvation (v8).

**Fri Psalm 119:9-16** The Word of God can guard our path, but it is not just a path we seek, but Him (v10). Thus we want to learn, tell about, rejoice in, meditate on, consider, delight in, and never forget His Words.

**Sat Luke 14:25-35** May the love of God fill our hearts, that we may recognize that His invitation (see Monday reading) is more precious than anything else in this life, including family, possessions, even our earthly life (v26).

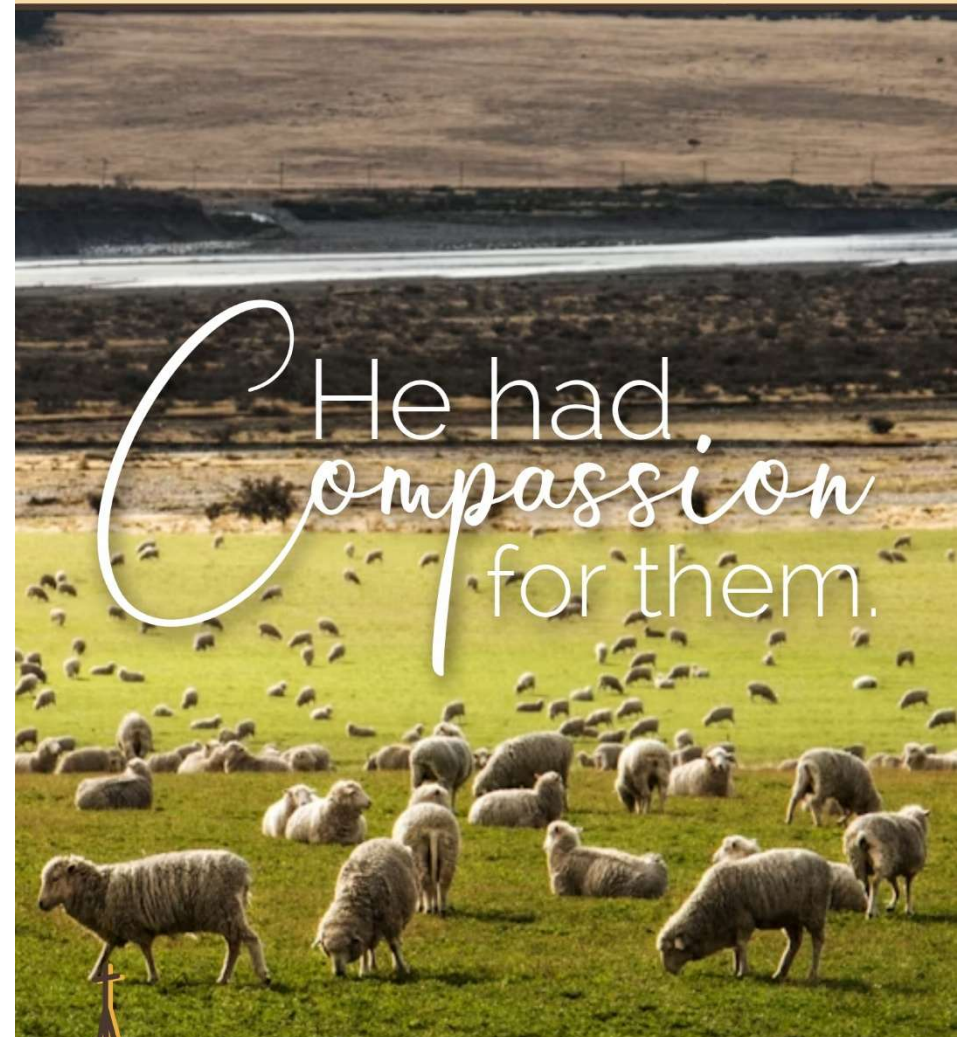
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2nd Sunday after Trinity

June 14th, 2026

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #266

"O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word"

**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.

**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 #523:1-3, 5

"Why Should Cross and Trial..."

✠ 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 #483

"God of the Prophets"

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**Congratulations** to Daniel and Hannah (Kazemba) Hein who were married yesterday! Lord's richest blessings to them!

**Family Bible Class** today will be looking at some of God's amazing creation in His design of birds. What is the longest bird migration? Which bird can stay in flight the longest? Discover these answers and more fascinating facts after the service.

**Parade Season** is quickly approaching. If you are able to help with the St. John's float in Heron Lake on June 27<sup>th</sup> or in Okabena on July 4<sup>th</sup>, please speak with Ruth Eigenberg.

<b>Ushers</b>	6/14	Kendall B, Larry B.
	6/21	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	6/28	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
<b>Cleaning</b>	This Week – The Ruthenbecks (wk. 3)	
	Up Next – DeWall, Bass	

where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup> And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup> And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. <sup>19</sup> So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" <sup>20</sup> She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. <sup>21</sup> I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

### The Inside/Outside View



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, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



### Matthew 9:35-10:8

Peter, And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." <sup>10:1</sup> And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean

spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup> The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.



### Romans 5:6-15

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned-- <sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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

**C** *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 #369**

*"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"*



### Ruth 1:1-21

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup> Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place