

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 22nd - 27th, 2026

Mon Luke 15:1-10 Those who consider themselves above “sinners” complain that Jesus is spending too much time with such people. With two pictures, Jesus points to the joy in heaven over what He is doing.

Tues 1 Peter 5:6-11 While it is the Devil's goal to devour (v8), it is God's to lift up (v6), restore, establish, strengthen, support (v10). So much better to be with Him, even in times of anxiety (v6) and suffering (v10)!

Wed Micah 7:18-20 In a glorious hymn of praise, the prophet praises the God who forgives sinners, shows mercy, and overcomes our guilty deeds. What an invitation this is to come to Him in repentant trust!

Thurs Psalm 25:1-11 We pray with David for help in the face of earthly enemies and our own sin (v1-7,11). We pray with confidence because God is good and upright, and teaches the way of mercy and truth (v8-10).

Fri Psalm 25:12-22 The one who respects the Lord will follow His guidance and look to Him (v12-15). In the face of every enemy, may He protect us who wait for Him. “Redeem Israel, O God, from all its distress!”

Sat Psalm 119:17-24 As servants of the Lord (v17), and as pilgrims in this world (v19), we seek the help and guidance of the Lord's testimonies. “Yes, your testimonies are my delights. They are my advisors” (v24).

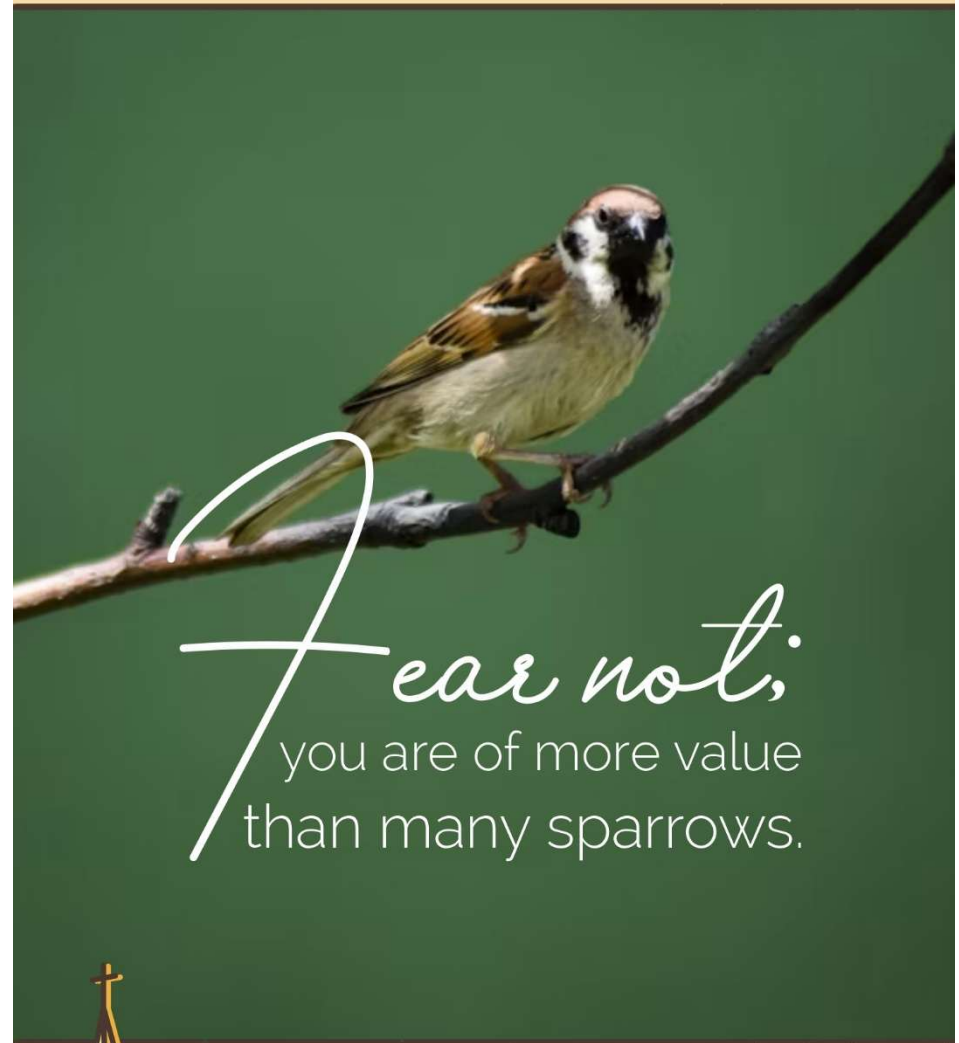
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3rd Sunday after Trinity

June 21st, 2026

Liturgy: TLH p. 5

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Fear not;
you are of more value
than many sparrows.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #24

“Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care”

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

G ♪ Amen.

P Pastor

G Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

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.

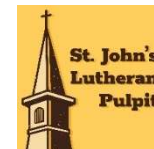
Parade Season is quickly approaching. If you are able to help with the St. John's float in Heron Lake on June 27th or in Okabena on July 4th, please speak with Ruth Eigenberg.

Candy Donations for the parades are being collected in the basket near the front door of the building.

CLC Convention will be this Thursday through Sunday. Pastor, Phil Strike, and Christian Kazemba will be representing our congregation at the meeting. As Pastor will be out-of-town next Sunday, Pastor Albrecht will be leading the service here.

Call Issued – At last weekend's special voters' meeting, voters elected to call Jill Liepold as a part-time teacher for the upcoming school year.

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.



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. 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 30th for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after August 31st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!

Ushers	6/21	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	6/28	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	7/5	Kendall B, Larry B.
Cleaning	This Week – DeWall, Bass (wk. 4)	
	Up Next – Zuehlke, Winters, Appel	

of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶ So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

(The Christian) Life is a Roller Coaster

It may be scary, but you can trust the seatbelt.

The Offertory

- C** *♩ 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.*

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

Hymn: Projector (LSB #659)

"Lord of Our Life"

✠ **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: WS #789

"Consider How the Birds Above"

The Introit

Ps. 56:3-4, 10-11, 13

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

- P** You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.
- C** **When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.**
- P** In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?
- C** **In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise,**
- P** in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?
- C** **For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #528:15

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

- C** *♩ My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of mirth and singing, Sees naught but sunshine glad.
The Sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
That which I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.*

The Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** *♩ And with thy spirit.*

The Collect Prayer of the Day

- P** O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** *♩ Amen.*



Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has

become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.



Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your

members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 #263

"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"



Matthew 10:5, 21-33

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them... "Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴ A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master