

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

July 6th - 11th, 2026

Mon Luke 5:1-11 When Jesus spoke, the people heard the word of God. His word taught them, filled the disciples' nets, lifted up a fearful Peter, and gave the disciples confidence to leave everything and follow Him.

Tues 1Peter 3:8-12 Peter exhorts all the followers of Jesus to show brotherly love to one another, not repaying evil with evil, but rather speaking a blessing. After all, they were called to inherit a blessing in Christ.

Wed 1Peter 3:13-15 The apostle reminds those who suffer for doing good that they are blessed. The Lord is still their righteousness before God and His holiness is greater than all the evil of mankind.

Thurs Jeremiah 16:14-21 Although the Lord sees and responds to the guilt of people with their disgusting idols (v18), He is still their strength and fortress, and plans to bring them back from exile and teach them (v21).

Fri Psalm 113 Praise the Lord that He is high above any enemy or trouble or nation (v4). And yet He stoops down to raise up the poorest from the dust, and blesses beyond our thinking or deserving. Hallelujah!

Sat Psalm 119:33-40 Many different expressions are used here for the Word of our God. Yet every time we encounter His Word, it brings a blessing to us, even when it shows us the sin from which He delivers us.

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5th Sunday after Trinity

July 5th, 2026

Liturgy: WS p. 22

Organist: Lana Strike



Come unto me...
AND I WILL GIVE YOU
rest.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #27

"Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"

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 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.

Summary of the Most Significant CLC Convention Resolutions:

- We encourage the leadership of congregations to formulate and/or review a plan to regularly assess the financial, physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of their called workers, and we direct the CLC president and conference visitors to address this critical need [called worker support] and to report their progress to the 2028 CLC Convention.
- The Convention established a committee to develop a "Lay Ministry Training Program." Its goal will be to provide designated laymen with education to carry out specific functions of the public ministry as needed in a congregation under the supervision of a regular pastor.
- Because of various legal issues, it is important for each CLC congregation to establish their own incorporation status and to maintain it. The Convention resolved that the CLC Board of Trustees will maintain a list of CLC congregations and their incorporation status and will report on this matter to the Coordinating Council.
- Concerning ILC's Gymnasium building project: The current estimate to complete the building is \$10.6 million, of which about \$2.5 million is on hand. The Convention approved a loan of up to \$7 million from the CEF for the ILC Gymnasium once the Board of Trustees has determined that funds are available. The Board of Trustees will solicit promissory notes to the CEF for this purpose. The ILC Building Committee should proceed with construction as soon as possible after the necessary funding is secured.

Ushers	7/5	Kendall B, Larry B, Caleb E.
	7/12	Phil S, Nathan V, Daniel R.
	7/19	Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
Cleaning	This Week – Kazemba, Thaemlitz (wk. 2)	
	Next – Ferguson, Dronen, Baumann, Olmanson	

Thank you to Pastor Jonah Albrecht for preaching today!

Wedding Today – This afternoon, St. John's member Faith Kazemba will be marrying Troyal Mayhew, who is in the Pre-Theology program at Immanuel. Please pray for the Lord's blessings on them today and throughout their marriage!

2026 CLC Mission Helpers to Africa – Nine CLC Mission Helpers (Lauren Gurgel, Abigail Gerbitz, Elijah Sumey, Jeff Radichel, Sarah Radichel, Josh Ohlmann, Lydia Ohlmann, Andrew Lau, Alexis Aichele) along with team leaders (Pastor Tom Naumann and Missionary Todd Ohlmann) are traveling this week to the East African nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. The Tanzania team will be welcomed and joined in their work by Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann. The Mission Helpers will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 6,000 children. They will focus their efforts in some of the towns and villages where the Kenya-CLC, Tanzania-CLC, and Zambia-CLC have or are working to establish congregations and preaching stations. You can follow along with the trip's blog at www.2026clcmissionhelpertripeastafrica.blogspot.com.

Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 12, immediately following the morning worship service. Each Board should plan on sending at least one member to join the Chairman and Treasurer in order to draft the proposed 2026-2027 budget before our July 19 Quarterly Meeting. Please reach out to Nathan Albrecht or Phil Strike with any questions.

The Church Cleaning List is being redone soon. If anyone would like to be removed from the current list or is willing to be added to the cleaning list for the next year, please speak with Connie DeWall.

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 tell Pastor.

The Introit

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10

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

- P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- G** **I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**
- P** Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—
- G** **no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**
- P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- G** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

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

- P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**



Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.



Romans 7:14-25a

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Thanks
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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 #652

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"



Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

When Shall We find Rest for Our Souls?

- I. When we seek it in the Father's revelation
- II. When we seek it in Jesus' redemption
- III. When we seek it under the Savior's yoke

- Preaching today is Pastor Jonah Albrecht

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 ✠

Hymn: TLH #277

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

- 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.**

Amen!

Hymn: WS #782

"Evening and Morning"