

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 17th - 22nd, 2026

Mon Luke 18:9-14 In this familiar parable the Pharisee looked to himself and his own doings while the tax-collector looked for God's merciful help. It was God's doing that the latter went home justified (v14).

Tues 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 It was all God's doing that "Christ died for our sins" (v3), and was raised on the third day (v4). Scripture prophecies before and multiple appearances afterward testified to this resurrection.

Wed 2 Samuel 22:21-29 David praises the Lord our righteousness (Jer23:6). In the Messiah, God has made us His righteous ones, and as such He continues to bless us. This is truly grace upon grace!

Thurs Psalm 147:1-11 Not merely urging us to praise the Lord, this psalm proceeds to praise Him for His power and care, shown both to His people and to all creation. Those who fear Him wait for His mercy (v11).

Fri Psalm 147:12-20 The Lord provides protection and peace for His people. He sends food and He sends His Word. He sends snow, and frost, and hail; He melts them again. Above all, He sends His Word!

Sat Psalm 119:81-88 In the darkest night, when life is hanging by a thread, and our eyes are worn out, we still look for comfort in His Word. When they almost put an end to us, let us look for His great mercy (v88).

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11th Sunday after Trinity

August 16th, 2026

Liturgy: WS p. 12

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...THAT HE MAY HAVE
MERCY
ON ALL



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #1

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

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, *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.

returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, has **returned** the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. <> Pastor Luke Willitz of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN, has **returned** the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel has **returned** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison, Heights, MI.

CLC Women's Retreat - West – We currently have nearly 80 women from 22 different CLC congregations registered to attend the Women's Retreat in Oacoma, SD, the weekend of September 18th. If you would like to join us, please register by Friday, Sept. 4th. Information can be found at: <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/>

ManUp! 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 30th for the discounted rate of \$75. (\$150 after August 31st.) The registration includes lodging and meals. Register here: www.manup.clclutheran.org.

Ushers	8/16	Kendall B, Larry B, Caleb E.
	8/23	Phil S, Nathan V, Daniel R.
	8/30	Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
Cleaning	This Week – The Albrechts (wk. 4)	
	Up Next – The Eigenbergs	

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.

G Amen!

Hymn: TLH #511

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

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Note from the Treasurer –

"Our CLC General Budget was \$48,000 for FY Ending June 30, 2026. Of special note, the church has 148 shares of stock that were donated in 2024 and 2025 that have not been sold. The plan will be to sell some this year to cover the Parsonage project as well as any shortfalls in the general contributions."

CLC Call News

– Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia, has **returned** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor David Reim has also

CLC General	\$ 52,625.95
Other CLC Funds	\$ 32,129.76
Total CLC Donations	\$ 84,755.71
ST John's General Fund	\$ 178,750.38
ST John's BLD Fund	\$ 5,230.00
Benevolence Fund	\$ 1,541.73
Day School	\$ 260.00
Interest	\$ 5,104.26
Total ST John's Donations	\$ 190,886.37
Accounting	\$ 824.13
Subscriptions	\$ 1,564.34
Insurance	\$ 6,973.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 2,320.40
Supplies	\$ 5,517.15
Conferences	\$ 745.00
Copier Service	\$ 1,524.21
Copyrights	\$ 805.00
Utilities	\$ 10,970.48
ILC Room and Board	\$ 7,400.00
Staff Wages/Retirement	\$ 169,333.54
Telephone Internet	\$ 3,896.97
Tour Choir Donation	\$ 1,484.75
Total Expenses	\$ 213,358.97
Rental Income (Loss)	\$ 589.72
St John's Net Income (Loss)	\$ (21,882.88)

Collect Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.



Matthew 15:21-28

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²

And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord,

help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.



Romans 11:1ff

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . . ¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . ²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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 #522:1-4

"When In the Hour of Utmost Need"



Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . . ⁶ "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸ The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

**In Pride, We Divide and Scatter
In Mercy, God Unites and Gathers**

The Offertory

G *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 #349:1-2, 5-6

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠