

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 25-30, '21

Mon Isaiah 53:10-12 stops us in our tracks and opens the great mystery of the planning that lay behind Christmas, Calvary, and Easter. The LORD God did not begrudge sending Messiah Jesus down to our planet but was pleased to redeem and reclaim humanity from a fate worse than death. Jesus would *make His soul an offering for sin and would prosper in bearing their/our iniquities*, and therefore receive the acclamation He deserved. Hallelujah!

Tues Mark 10:35-45 Those adults were acting like children—trying to elbow their way to the head of the line (35-37), failing to realize it would put them on track to Calvary (38-39). Besides, the table seating in heaven had already been set (40). Since the virus of selfishness was spreading (41), Jesus clarified that God values the giving of service rather the receiving of service (45).

Wed Hebrews 4:11-16 God can read our minds, so He knows what nobody else knows about us; He can read our diaries, tune in on our daydreams, poke around in our garbage (11-13)—and instead of being revolted, God *sympathizes with our weakness* and invites us to *come boldly to the throne of grace, to obtain mercy* (not condemnation) and *find grace* (not grumpiness) *to help* (not hamper) us *in our time of need*. God is our refuge!

Thurs Psalm 22 lets us read Jesus' heart as He claims no favor from God (1-2) while He favored others (3-5) even when He was stepped on (6) and mocked (7-8). "I have gone from being favored (9-11) to being victimized (12-13), to suffering, (14-15) and to execution (16-18). Nevertheless, I turn to Thee, dear Father, for help (19-21), and I praise Thee (22-26). In mercy reach out to others (27-29) even unto future generations (30-31)."

Fri Mark 11:27-33 Disbelievers have an appetite for trying to discredit our Savior (27-28). In this case, Jesus turned the tables on them with a question they declined to answer—for they would get into trouble either way, whether they approved or disapproved of John the Baptizer. How sad that they slunk away from this blessed opportunity to admit they were fighting a losing battle – and they should simply surrender to Jesus.

Sat Hebrews 6:1-8 Those who are familiar with basic Christian doctrines (1-2) may wonder and worry about those who have fallen through the cracks. More precisely, when someone turns his back on the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier and is sliding toward hell—is there no hope for such a soul? Our Savior's word in Matthew 19:26 supplies the solution: While it is impossible for us to renew them again to repentance, it is not impossible for God. Dear God, grant such a miracle of grace and such a reformation!

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 119:9-16

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. ¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! ¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. ¹² Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! ¹³ With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. ¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. ¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

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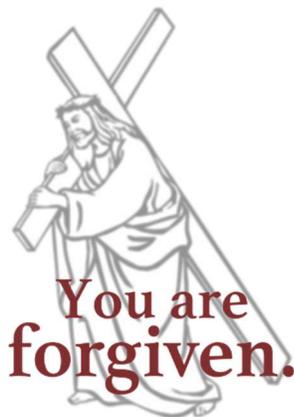
HYMN: TLH #401 "Praise to Thee and Adoration"

-  In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
-  Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

-  God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
-  **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.**
-  If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
-  **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
-  Let us pray.
-  **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.**



✠ Announcements ✠

Offering Statements have been delivered by our Financial Secretary to your church mailboxes four times per year for quite some time. At the voters' meeting last Sunday, it was decided that for most people one-time per year offering statements is adequate, and for that reason, you can expect your offering statements to arrive only yearly. If you would like to still receive your statements quarterly, please speak with Pastor Rodebaugh or Paul Kuehne.

-  **Oct. 24:** Orlando Service 8 am
-  **Oct. 31:** Reformation Service
-  **Oct. 31:** Bible Class & SS 9:15a
-  **Nov. 7:** Special Voters' Meeting
-  **Nov. 7:** Communion Service

CLC Call News Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, **has returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, **is still considering** the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA.

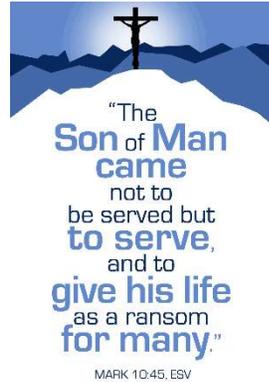
Fall Mission Webinar The Committee of Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – marktiefel@hotmail.com. The webinar theme is "Mission Myths" and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Patti Meno** continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Greg Tincher** is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. **Shirley Rosenberry** is struggling with severe knee pain which has greatly limited her mobility. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain and suffered a recent fall. **Craig and Kay Owings** are both at home and are still recovering from their bouts with COVID. **Liz Hartmann** continues to recover from eye surgery, but is still having various health problems. **Gail Sedberry's** cancer is in remission, but she is still having various health troubles. Please pray that God would allow the doctors to be able to diagnose and treat her ailments.

Last Week: WH – 23 Orlando – 13 **Total Offering = \$1,351.50**
General = \$1,321.50 | Property Improvement = \$5 | Benevolence = \$25

Cleaner (10/23): Bernthal | **Acolyte (10/24):** Seth Bernthal

And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,"⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them."⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Fix Your Eyes on the Sufferings of Jesus

1. It is the Ransom for You
2. It is the Example for You

HYMN: TLH #354 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

– OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1 "Lord, You Love..."

- ♩ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- 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.**

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #660 "I'm But a Stranger Here"

- 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.
- C 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.**

INTROIT

Ps. 34:1-4, 17-18

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

- P** The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
- C I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
- P** My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
- C Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!**
- P** I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- C When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

- P** O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let

him sleep. ¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. ¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil-- this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 9:7-12, 19-23 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? ⁸ Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? ⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. ¹¹ If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? ¹² If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. ¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside

the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

- ☩ 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 #403

"Savior, Thy Dying Love"

SERMON – Mark 10:32-45 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." ³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able."