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Acts 8:35, NKJV



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## As We Gather

In a world of vast, impersonal systems, it is easy to feel like just another number—overlooked, anonymous, and insignificant in the crowd. But our God does not operate on an economy of scale; His is an economy of one. Today's sermon text from Acts 8:26-40 introduces us to a searching, lonely traveler on a desert road, an outsider looking in. We will see how the Holy Spirit works in a beautifully personal way to bring the saving Gospel of Jesus to a single, precious soul. Let us prepare our hearts to worship the God who knows each of us by name and seeks us out individually to make us His own.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

770 – I Hear the Savior Calling

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

#### Opening Sentences Ephesians 4:4-6, Romans 10:14-15, 1 Peter 3:18

**P** There is one body and one Spirit,

**C** just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

**P** one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

**C** one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

**P** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,

**C** And how shall they hear without a preacher?

**P** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust,

**C** that He might bring us to God.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved in the Lord! The Holy Scriptures reveal God's singular plan to redeem a people for Himself through the promised Messiah. He sends His Spirit to guide His Church, directing one person to another with the one message of eternal life. Yet, we confess that we have not shared this passion for the lost, having been distracted by our own plans and hesitant to follow the Spirit's lead. Therefore, let us come before our merciful God and confess our sins, trusting in His grace.

**C** O most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to love You with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves. We have chosen our own comfort over Your call to share the Gospel, feared the disapproval of others more than their salvation, and allowed worldly cares to distract us from Your mission. For all our sins, we are truly sorry and repent. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** God, in His great mercy, has shown His love for you. While you were still sinners, Christ died for you, being delivered to death for your sins and raised for your justification. Upon this your confession, as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

### Glory be to the Father

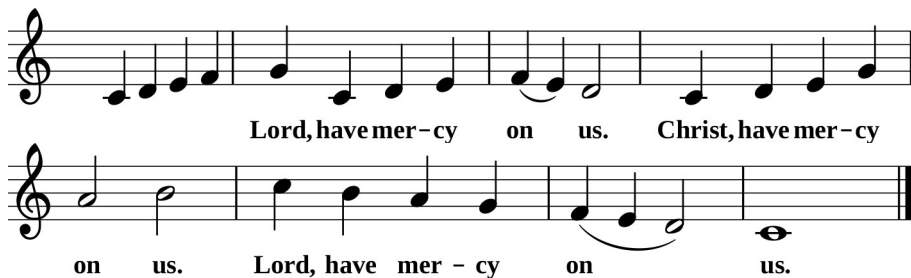
Gloria Patri

**P** 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.

### Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie



# Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You  
 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At  
 heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship  
 bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
 God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the  
 You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -  
 God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
 Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the  
 might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

<sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of

the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent. <sup>4</sup> And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. <sup>6</sup> Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. <sup>8</sup> But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup> Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish? <sup>10</sup> Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 96

- P** Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
- C** **Sing to the LORD, all the earth.**
- P** Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
- C** **Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.**
- P** Declare His glory among the nations,
- C** **His wonders among all peoples.**
- P** For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
- C** **He is to be feared above all gods.**
- P** For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
- C** **But the LORD made the heavens.**
- P** Honor and majesty are before Him;
- C** **Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**
- P** Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
- C** **Give to the LORD glory and strength.**
- P** Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
- C** **Bring an offering, and come into His courts.**
- P** Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!
- C** **Tremble before Him, all the earth.**
- P** Say among the nations,
- C** **"The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."**
- P** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
- C** **Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;**

- P** Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.  
**C** **Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.**  
**P** For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.  
**C** **He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.**

## Children's Anthem

We Are Called to be Servants

## Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup> Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." <sup>45</sup> And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> And you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

## Alleluia

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

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

## Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn

512 – O Christ, Our True and Only Light

## Sermon Text

Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert. <sup>27</sup> So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> The place in the Scripture which he read was this: “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. <sup>33</sup> In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.” <sup>34</sup> So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> Now as they went

down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?” <sup>37</sup> Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” <sup>38</sup> So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.



*Sermon*

## The Divine Economy of One

### Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

### Hymn

297 – The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

### Offering



## Offering Hymn

442 (2)



Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,  
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

## General Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



# ✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...  
...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Institution

### Peace of the Lord

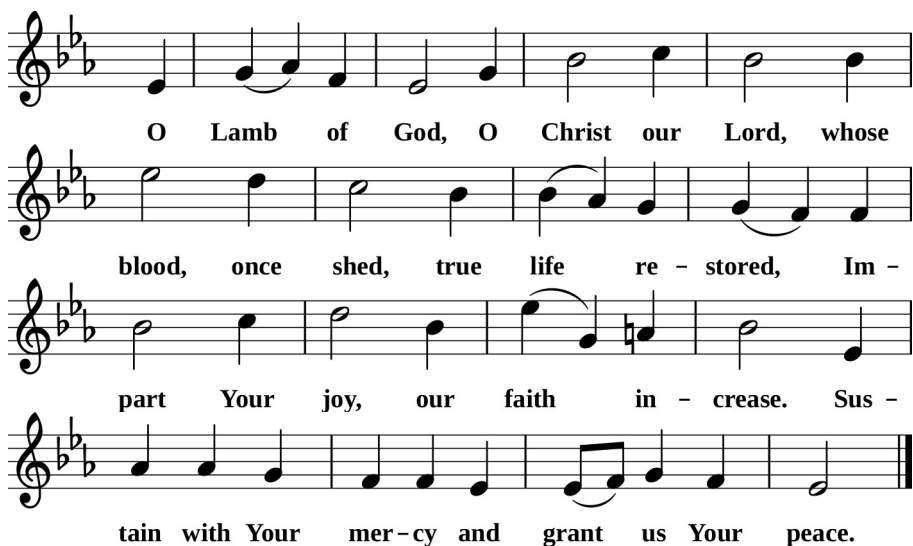
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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

## Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



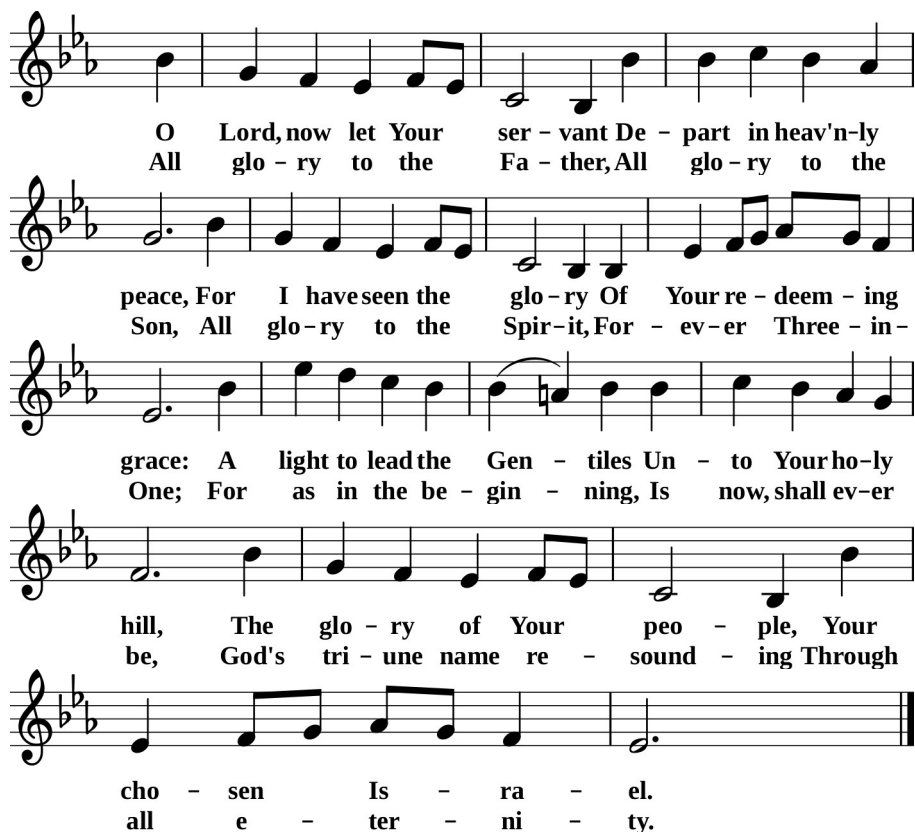
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*Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!*



# O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly  
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the  
peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing  
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -  
grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho-ly  
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er  
hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your  
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through  
cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving



My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O blessed ho-ly Trin-i-  
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in  
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your



## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn

360 – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

Schedule		
October 5	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Mission Festival (Children Sing)
	11:30 am	Fellowship Meal
	12:15 pm	Church Council
October 10	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
October 12	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
October 14-16		Southeast Pastoral Conference
October 15	7:00 pm	SEPC Worship service w/ Holy Communion
October 19	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

**Upcoming Meetings:** Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **October 5** – Church Council
- **November 2** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Education/Elders
- **December 7** – Trustees/Church Council

**In Our Prayers:** Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield. May the Lord strengthen their faith, grant them His peace.

**Mission Festival Potluck:** Please join us for food and fellowship immediately following the worship service. All are welcome!

**Looking Forward to Next Sunday:** What happens when a soldier's courage fails? When an athlete gives up mid-race? Or when our own promises to God crumble under the pressures of life? Our human faithfulness has its limits; we grow weary, we doubt, we fail. So, what then? Does God's faithfulness also have a breaking point? Next Sunday, we will find unshakable comfort in the Apostle Paul's words from 2 Timothy 2:1-13. We will hear the trustworthy saying that anchors our salvation: "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." Join us as we rejoice in this incredible promise, a message of pure grace that holds us fast when our own grip is weak.

**Learning with Littles:** Our next Learning with Littles session is this Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>! Our theme will be "Wonderful Weather," and we'll be sharing the story of Noah's Ark, singing songs, and making a special rainbow craft. Every session is a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus with the many children and families who attend, and we are so thankful for this ministry.

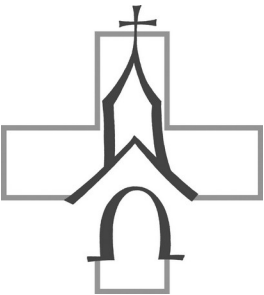
We are looking for donations of juice boxes and individually-wrapped snacks like cookies, goldfish, or crackers. We also still need help cutting pieces for our rainbow craft. If you can stick around for a few extra minutes after church today, please join us.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support—we know the Lord is working through this program!

**Southeastern Women's Retreat:** Registration is now open for the Southeastern Women's Retreat, to be held in Sherrills Ford, NC, February 13-15, 2026. The theme this year is "Sisters in Christ". To register, please head over to [women'sretreat.clclutheran.net](http://women'sretreat.clclutheran.net), click on SOUTHEAST, and scroll down to the link for the online form. If you would like to register over email or you have any questions, reach out to [southeasternwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:southeasternwomensretreat@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

**CLC News:** Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Professor Mark Weis of ILC, has received the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to Living Word Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Fruits of Faith		September 28, 2025	Attendance: WH – 24; ORL – 8	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$1,079.94	General Budget	\$55.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
-\$420.06	-Under / +Over	-\$12.31	-Under / +Over	
\$61,206.51	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,730.00	Year to Date Offerings	
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<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$100.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$40.00	Benevolence Fund	\$100.00	CLC Kinship	
\$30.00	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	



# ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

October 06 - October 11, 2025

## **Monday** - *Luke 13:6-9*

If tragedies that cut us down serve as a call to repentance for the believer, he bears fruit for the Lord. The Gardener does not desire the death of the tree, but that it should live and bear fruit.

## **Tuesday** - *Acts 16:13-15*

The Lord opens the heart of Lydia to the preaching of Paul. No sooner were she and her household baptized than the fruit of hospitality sprang forth and she invited them to stay at her house.

## **Wednesday** - *Acts 16:16-34*

A woman possessed by a spirit is freed in Jesus' name, and Paul and Silas end up beaten and in prison. The prisoners get to hear their prayers and hymns, and the jailer's family is baptized!

## **Thursday** - *Acts 16:35-40*

The magistrates want Paul and Silas to leave quietly after their public beating, but Paul wants their mission vindicated so they can go and encourage the believers before they leave Philippi.

## **Friday** - *2 Chronicles 7:12-22*

After the consecration of Solomon's temple, the Lord appears to him, and promises to hear the prayers from this place. But if they turn away from God, the house will have no purpose.

## **Saturday** - *Jeremiah 17:5-10*

Those who trust in the Lord for strength are like trees by the water. They will bear fruit. Those who want to "follow their heart" would do well to have the Lord in their heart.

