

Let us know, Let us pursue  
the knowledge of the LORD.  
His going forth is established  
as the morning; He will  
come to us like the rain,  
Like the latter and former  
rain to the earth.

Hosea 6:3 (NKJV)



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## As We Gather

Have you ever noticed how quickly the morning dew vanishes under the summer sun? In Hosea, the Lord uses that very image to describe our devotion. Too often, our spiritual fervor is a fragile mist that evaporates the moment our daily trials or temptations begin. We gather today acutely aware of our fickle hearts. Yet, we do not come in despair, but in eager expectation. We are here to seek the Lord, knowing His answer to our shallow love is not a mere trickle of mercy, but an overwhelming, life-giving downpour. Prepare your hearts to receive His abundant forgiveness as we consider today's theme: "Morning Mist and Monsoon Grace."

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

9 – O Day of Rest and Gladness

#### Invocation

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

#### Opening Sentences

Lam. 3:22-23, Deut. 32:2; Ps. 143:8

- P** Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,
- C** **Because His compassions fail not.**
- P** They are new every morning;
- C** **Great is Your faithfulness.**
- P** Let His teaching drop as the rain,
- C** **His speech distill as the dew.**
- P** Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,
- C** **For in You do I trust.**

#### Confession and Absolution

- P** Too often, our faithfulness is like a morning cloud, and like the early dew it goes away. We desire the blessings of God without the steadfast love He desires from us. We trust in our own merits rather than His mercy. Let us return to the Lord, confessing our sins and seeking His face, knowing that He desires mercy and not sacrifice.

**C** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Our love for You has been fickle; our love for our neighbor has been cold. We have not pursued the knowledge of You as we ought. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. He has come to us like the rain, washing away our transgressions with the blood of Christ. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

  
*Kyrie Eleison*  
LORD, HAVE MERCY

# 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.



## Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all <sup>17</sup> (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; <sup>18</sup> who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup> and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. <sup>22</sup> And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, <sup>24</sup> but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:65-72

- P** You have dealt well with Your servant,
- C** **O LORD, according to Your word.**
- P** Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
- C** **For I believe Your commandments.**
- P** Before I was afflicted I went astray,
- C** **But now I keep Your word.**
- P** You are good, and do good;
- C** **Teach me Your statutes.**
- P** The proud have forged a lie against me,
- C** **But I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.**
- P** Their heart is as fat as grease,
- C** **But I delight in Your law.**
- P** It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
- C** **That I may learn Your statutes.**
- P** The law of Your mouth is better to me
- C** **Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.**

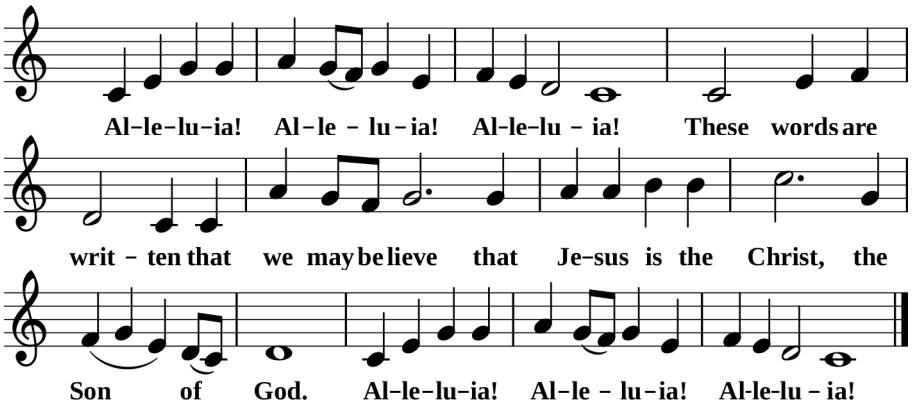
## Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him. <sup>10</sup> Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

## 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

514 – God Moves in a Mysterious Way

## Sermon Text

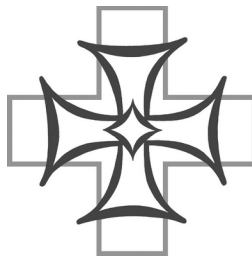
Hosea 5:15-6:6

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.”  
<sup>1</sup> Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. <sup>3</sup> Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth. <sup>4</sup> “O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth. <sup>6</sup> For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.



*Sermon*

## Morning Mist and Monsoon Grace



## 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.

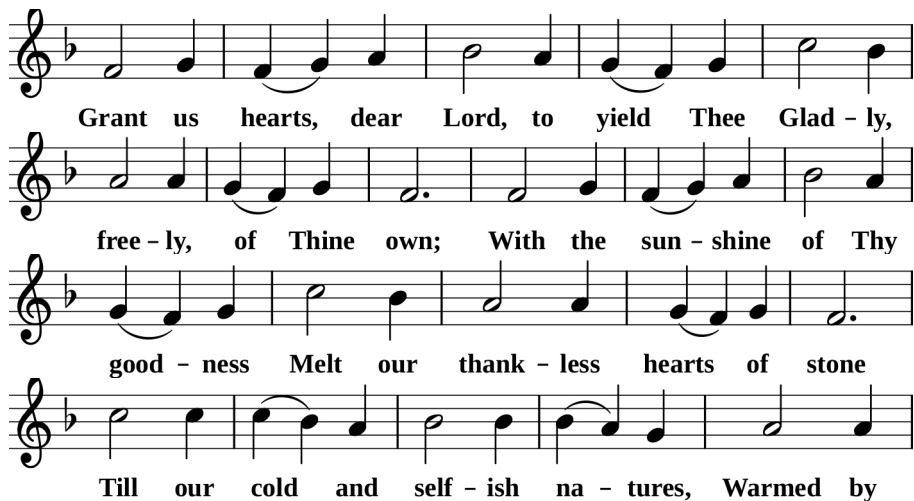
## Hymn

17 – Oh, Worship the King

## 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

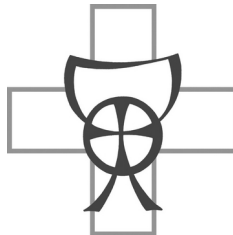
### The Lord's Prayer

**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

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C** Amen.

## Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

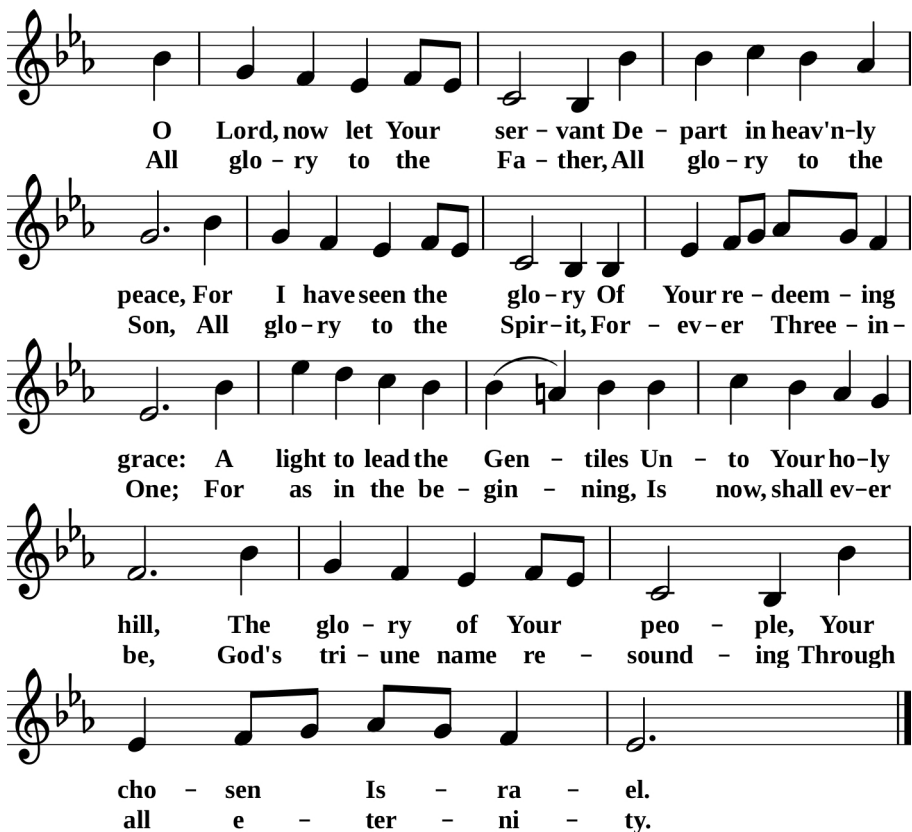
O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

## Distribution

*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

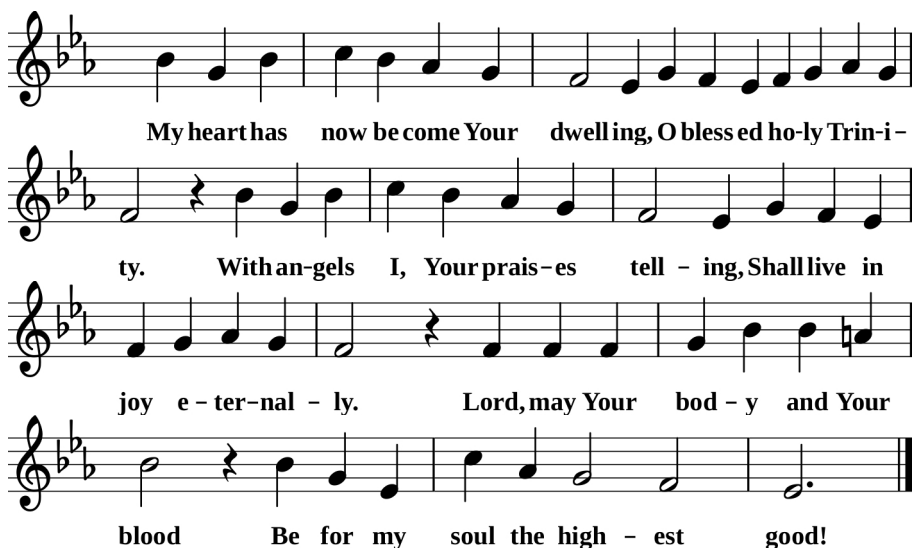
Nunc Dimittis



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 bless ed 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  
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## 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

49 – Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

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### Upcoming Schedule – [winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar](http://winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar)

June 7	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Board of Trustees/Church Council
June 14	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
June 21	10:15 am	Worship Service
June 28	10:15 am	Worship Service

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

- **June 7** – Trustees/Church Council
- **July 5** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **August 2** – Education/Elders

**In Our Prayers:** Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Johanna Jaehnigen, Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield.

**Dave Kleinschmidt is with the Lord:** It is with a mix of earthly sorrow and joyful hope that we report the passing of Dave Kleinschmidt. Dave went to be with the Lord approximately two weeks ago. While his presence will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him, there is great comfort and profound joy in the certainty that he is now safely home with his Savior. Because news of Dave's passing was only recently received, details regarding a funeral or memorial arrangements are not yet available. Please keep his wife, Elsie, in your prayers, asking the Lord to grant her peace during their time of mourning. Any updates regarding services will be provided to the congregation as soon as they are known.

**Looking Forward to Next Sunday:** Have you ever received a gift so incredible, so unexpected, that you couldn't help but share the news? Next Sunday, our sermon will focus on the ultimate gift: the grace of God. In Matthew 9:35-10:8, Jesus looks upon the multitudes with compassion, seeing them as "sheep having no shepherd." He then commissions His disciples to go forth, healing and preaching, commanding them, "Freely you have received, freely give." What does it mean to live a life fueled by this boundless, freely given grace? How does it transform the way we give to others? Join us next Sunday as we explore the theme "Freely Given, Freely Giving," and discover the joy of being instruments of His compassion in a hurting world.

**Come Fly With Us to Vacation Bible School:** Join us this summer for an exciting week of adventure at our "Soaring High!" Vacation Bible School, July 20–24, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am each day! Children ages 4–12 are invited to hop in the hot air balloon basket as we explore new destinations and learn that Jesus is our best treasure and the only way to heaven. Each day will be filled with:

- Christ-centered Bible lessons
- Creative crafts and active games
- Joyful singing and tasty snacks

We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids, and classmates—any child who would be blessed by a fun and faith-filled week learning about Jesus!

Register today at [www.winterhavenlutheran.com/vbs](http://www.winterhavenlutheran.com/vbs), or speak with Pastor Sauers for more information. If you're able to volunteer during the week or would like to donate snacks or drinks, we'd be very grateful—just let Pastor Sauers know how you can help!

**CLC Women's Retreat West:** Join Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (Valentine, NE) for the Women's Retreat West, happening September 18-20, 2026, at the Arrowood Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma, SD. This year's sessions will focus on Words to Others, Words to Yourself, and Words to the Lord. Come enjoy a refreshing weekend filled with Bible study, heart-opening conversations, and wonderful fellowship activities.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." – Psalm 19:14

For more information, please visit: <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat>

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. and to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

# ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

June 8–13, 2026

## **Monday** - *Luke 16:19-31*

In a most memorable account, Jesus shows us the great blessing of having "Moses and the Prophets" (verses 29, 31), the Word of God. It alone convinces us to repent and trust God's forgiveness.

## **Tuesday** - *1 John 4:16-21*

What greater blessing could there be than to remain in God and God in us? God's love drives out fear and gives us confidence on the day of judgment. We love because He first loved us!

## **Wednesday** - *Jeremiah 9:23-24*

The world trusts in its wisdom, strength, and material wealth, but the LORD, before whom we all stand, delights in mercy, justice, and righteousness. In these will we find true blessing!

## **Thursday** - *Psalms 34:1-10*

In a well-organized psalm (Hebrew alphabetical), David praises God for deliverance from a life-threatening situation, and calls on friends to trust Him, too. "Taste and see that the LORD is good!" (Verse 8)

## **Friday** - *Psalms 34:12-22*

The praise of God means respecting God also in one's life ("the fear of the LORD" verse 11). This includes speaking truth, turning from evil, and seeking peace. You can trust the LORD to see and save!

## **Saturday** - *Psalms 119:1-8*

This Psalm uses many expressions for "God's Word." In the first part, we remember that this Word is not burdensome, but "How blessed are those who keep (guard) his testimonies." (verse 2)



