

**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 34:3b; 34:17; 48:14a; 78:1-3, 4b

Say to my soul, "I am your sal- / vation."\*

The righteous cry out, and the / Lord hears.

He delivers them out of all their / troubles.\*

For this is God, our God forever and / ever.

Give ear, O my people, / to my law;\*

incline your ears to the words / of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a / parable;\*

I will utter dark say- / ings of old,

which we have / heard and known,\*

and our fathers have / told us.

We will tell the generation to come the praises / of the Lord,\*

and His strength and His wonderful works that / He has done.

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 61:4b

"Let me take refuge under the shelter of Your wings!"

**7** READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O almighty and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we implore You, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that You would have done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**9** PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

**10** SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK  
Yea, As I Live, Jehovah Saith

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1. Yea, as I live, Jehovah saith,  
I would not have the sinner's death,  
But that he turn from error's ways,  
Repent, and live through endless days.

2. To us therefore Christ gave command:  
"Go forth and preach in every land;  
Bestow on all My pardoning grace  
Who will repent and mend their ways.

3. "All those whose sins ye thus remit  
I truly pardon and acquit,  
And those whose sins ye do retain  
Condemned and guilty shall remain.

4. "What ye shall bind, that bound shall be;  
What ye shall loose, that shall be free;  
Unto My Church the keys are giv'n  
To ope and close the gates of heav'n."

7. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
For absolution full and free,  
In which Thou showest forth Thy grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.

8. Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As 'twas, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally!



"Resisting the Flesh Led by the Devil"

**1** BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**2** SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And 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 sits at  
the right hand of God, the Father  
Almighty. From thence 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.

**3** PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER  
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.

**4** PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

*Morning.* I thank You, my  
heavenly Father, through Jesus  
Christ, Your dear Son, that You  
have kept me this night from all  
harm and danger; and I pray that  
You would keep me this day also  
from sin and every evil, that all my  
doings and life may please You.  
For into Your hands I commend  
myself, my body and soul, and all  
things. Let Your holy angel be with  
me, that the evil foe may have no  
power over me. Amen.

*Evening.* I thank you, my  
heavenly Father, through Jesus  
Christ, Your dear Son, that You  
have graciously kept me this day;  
and I pray that You would forgive  
me all my sins where I have done  
wrong, and graciously keep me this  
night. For into Your hands, I  
commend myself, my body and  
soul, and all things. Let Your holy  
angel be with me, that the evil foe  
may have no power over me. Amen.

## Around the Word Devotions + the week of October 23-29, 2022

### THEME OF THE WEEK: Resisting the Flesh Led by the Devil

Sinful flesh would have us believe that we would be better off going it alone. Such is the captivity to which fallen humanity is enslaved. We think we are the masters of our own lives - we cannot even see our slavery. Jesus has come to set you free! You are now in Him. The slavery to sin and sinful living no longer binds you. You are set free from that death... and set free for righteousness. You are set free from the devil's chains and are no longer led by him! You are set free to love your family and those around you; set free to delight in God's Word of Life.

SUN

### SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:1-8 Your Sins are Forgiven!

Can Jesus forgive? The scribes were grumbling because Jesus forgave the paralyzed man. They didn't think Jesus could do such a thing - because they didn't believe that Jesus is God. They grumbled whether Jesus could forgive sins. Jesus showed His authority to forgive by healing the man. We are tempted to grumble like the scribes about whether a pastor can publicly forgive sins. Thanks be to God that Jesus has such authority, and gives that authority to His called and ordained servants. *Work in us, O God, hearts that truly believe Your Words of forgiveness spoken to us. Amen.*

MON

### SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:145-152 Save Me!

Crying and calling. When we were infants that was our whole life! Crying in need, calling for help. Then we grew up and left such childish ways behind us. Yet the Psalmist teaches us that calling and crying are good, right, and proper! That's faith: calling upon the Lord and crying out to Him, always desiring to receive more of God's gifts. And the Lord loves to give His gifts! He loves to answer the cries and calls of His people. *"Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above; Thine forever may we be here and in eternity!" Amen. (LSB 687:1)*

TUE

### SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:22-28 Set Free for Freedom

What you once were, you are not now. You are made new in Christ. Recreated, renewed, reborn. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." (2Cor. 5:17a)* Baptized into Jesus, you are bound to Him - and set free from the sins which hold fallen humanity captive. Bound to Jesus, you are no longer bound to corruption or deceitful desires, falsehood, anger, theft, or laziness. You are free. Live joyfully in the freedom for which He has set you free! *"Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us..." Amen. (LSB 679:5)*

WED

### SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 44:21-23 The Glad Song of Redemption

There are so many ways to feel forgotten in our lives. Forgotten by our families. Forgotten by our peers. Forgotten by our government and leaders. God promised Israel, His people, that they would not be forgotten by Him. That promise is for you, the true Israel of God. He has remembered you - and redeemed you. Jesus has remembered all of your sin and paid for them all. Now you may rest assured that He who has remembered you and redeemed you remembers your sins no more! *"Lift up one voice: [with] heaven rejoice in our Redeemer's song!" Amen. (LSB 676:3)*

THU

### SCRIPTURE: John 1:35-51 Anything Good? Yes!

Can anything good come from Nazareth? Nathanael couldn't believe that it might. We're afflicted with the same unbelief gnawing at us. Unbelief insists that we don't need to hear God's Word, that it's no different than others. Can any good come from it? What's so special about the Divine Service? Can anything good come from it? Listen to your brother Philip! Come and see! Here is Jesus in the Word of God, Absolution, and Supper: for you. Truly He is the Son of God - and He is for you. *"Open our ears to hear You, Lord, and to know You are good." Amen.*

FRI

### SCRIPTURE: John 15:17-21 Unknown to the World... Known by Jesus

Today we remember two lesser known Apostles - Saints Jude and Simon. Saint Jude, that is NOT Iscariot and Saint Simon, the one called the Zealot. (That is, NOT Simon Peter.) Both known by who they were NOT. Jesus reminded them in today's reading that they would be known as His disciples, and that meant they would be hated, rejected, and persecuted. We, too, might live unknown, obscure lives - or even persecuted lives, as they did. Yet we are known - by Jesus! Named as His own! *"Support and sustain us, Lord God, as we bear Your name in the world!" Amen.*

SAT

### SCRIPTURE: Psalm 61 Led to the Rock

"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." And so He does. He leads us to Himself, to His Son, where we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Because of Jesus, we may dwell in God's house forever, in safety under the shadow of His wings. Consider on this Saturday: this is the day Jesus rested from His work of salvation, so that He may lead you to His house tomorrow - and forever! He leads you to Himself, the Rock which was opened to give you life. *"Let me ever sing praises to Your name, O Lord God!" Amen.*

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