

# The Community in the Word

## Daily Readings: Monday, September 3 thru Sunday, October 8

*Growing in Faith: One-Text-At-A-Time*

### HOW TO USE THE DAILY READINGS?

Christian communities have often referred to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism as “*The Great Bath*.” At the conclusion of the Baptismal Rite the congregation welcomes the Baptismal candidate into the family by declaring, “*We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ.*” When we are welcomed into the body of Christ we are also being grafted to a new story about ourselves. Author, Daniel Erlander in his little book on baptism writes about the “storied waters” of baptism. “*Possibly every human being is shaped by some story – the North American story of ‘rags to riches’ would be one example. To be baptized is to be plunged into the greatest story – the entire Biblical story and especially the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*” Our baptisms are ‘storied waters,’ filled with a living history of God’s salvation of the world. It is a story that dates back to king David and connects us with creation, the fall, the call of Abraham, the twelve tribes of Israel and all the other great stories of scripture. This is our family history. The daily readings provide individuals and families a wonderful opportunity to connect to hear and discuss their family history. Our “storied waters” remind us that we are “surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses” who celebrate with us the salvation that is ours in “Jesus, the Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1).

The Biblical story is our makeover story. Use your story to begin your day, at a meal time, on your lunch break, or at the end of your day. If you are really ambitious, begin with a hymn or song followed by the reading and discussion, the Apostles’ Creed, and close with prayers and the Lord’s Prayer. You may want to incorporate the use of Luther’s Small Catechism. If you need help, contact Pastor Borger for some thoughts and direction.



#### **Readings for Monday, September 3 to Sunday, September 9**

M	Genesis 39:1-23	Joseph does not sin against God
T	2 Kings 17:24-41	The Assyrians worship other gods
W	Luke 18:18-30	The rich ruler
Th	Deuteronomy 7:12-26	The way of obedience
F	1 Timothy 3:14-4:16	Being a servant of Christ
Sa	Psalms 101	Choosing God's law

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 9 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Walk in the way of life
	Psalms 1	Delight in the law
	Philemon 1-21	Paul says, Receive Onesimus
	Luke 14:25-33	Give up your possessions

#### **Readings for Monday, September 10 to Sunday, September 16**

M	Amos 7:1-6	God relents from punishing Israel
T	Jonah 3:1-10	God relents from punishing Nineveh
W	Luke 22:31-33, 54-62	Peter denies Jesus
Th	Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6	Job repents
F	1 Timothy 1:1-11	About false teachers
Sa	Psalms 73	God is my portion

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 16 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses begs forgiveness
	Psalms 51:1-10	Have mercy on me, O God
	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Christ Jesus came for sinners
	Luke 15:1-10	Looking for the lost sheep and silver coin

#### **Readings for Monday, September 17 to Sunday, September 23**

M	Proverbs 14:12-31	Oppressing the poor
T	Proverbs 17:1-5	Oppressing the poor
W	Luke 20:45--21:4	The rich versus the poor
Th	Exodus 23:1-9	Justice for all
F	2 Corinthians 8:1-9	Generosity to the poor
Sa	Psalms 12	Help for the poor

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 23 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

	Amos 8:4-7	Warnings to those who trample the needy
	Psalms 113	Our God lifts up the poor
	1 Timothy 2:1-7	One God, one mediator, Christ Jesus
	Luke 16:1-13	Serving God or wealth

#### **Readings for Monday, September 24 to Sunday, September 30**

M	Proverbs 22:2-16	The rich versus the poor
T	Proverbs 28:3-10	The rich versus the poor
W	Luke 9:43b-48	Welcoming the little ones
Th	Ezekiel 18:5-24	The righteous versus the wicked
F	Revelation 3:14-22	Being rich or poor in God
Sa	Psalms 62	I wait on God

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 30 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Warnings to the wealthy
	Psalms 146	Justice to the oppressed
	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Pursuing God's justice
	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man

#### **Readings for Monday, October 1 to Sunday, October 7**

M	2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36	King Hezekiah trusts in God
T	2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37	God saves the people
W	Matthew 20:29-34	Mercy on the blind man
Th	Isaiah 7:1-9	Standing firm in faith
F	Revelation 2:12-29	Call to faithfulness
Sa	Psalms 3	Deliverance from God

#### **SUNDAY, Oct. 8 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	The wicked surround the righteous
	Psalms 37:1-9	Commit your way to the LORD
	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Guard the treasure entrusted to you
	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed