

**BEAR WITH
EACH OTHER**

AND

**FORGIVE ONE
ANOTHER...**

Colossians 3:13, NIV

TRINITY SIXTEEN

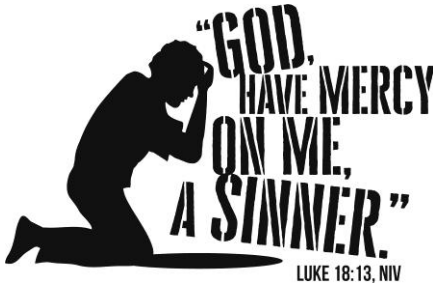
Living Hope Lutheran October 5, 2025

LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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Confirmation. . . .12:45pm

Divine Worship. . . .2pm

Bible Study . . . 3pm

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October 5, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119: 121-128;

PRAYERS: Before Communing (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: WS 764 WS 779 LSB 611 LSB 725

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: WS 764 - *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

DIVINE SERVICE

(Setting 3, LSB Pg 184)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

C: ♪ Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

OT LESSON

1 CHRONICLES 29:1-2,10-18

And David the king said to all the assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for the Lord God. ²So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones and marble.

¹⁰Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. ¹⁶O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

⁴Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

⁵This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according to the Evangelist Luke, from the 17th Chapter we read the first ten verses.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 17:1-10

And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’?

⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' " *

P: So far the Gospel Reading.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE 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: WS 779 - *"Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"*

THE SERMON:

LUKE 17:1-5

Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him. And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." **

THERE IS A CURE FOR SIN...

...but that doesn't mean we should play with it.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

PRAYER(S)

HYMN: LSB 611 - *"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It fitting, proper and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal; Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Saba-oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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;

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: ♪ Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C: ♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



In the early church, Communion was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were allowed even to watch it. This practice was more strict than necessary, of course. But the early church did understand something that many today do not: that Communion was never intended for indiscriminate use by everyone, but was restricted to those who are properly prepared. If you have never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can prepare properly.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C: ♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ and His mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ and with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor)

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 725 - "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 5, 2025

THIS AFTERNOON AFTER WORSHIP:

✓ Bible Study (Harmony of the Gospels); Sunday School.

THIS WEEK

Sunday: Confirmation 1pm; Worship 2pm, Bible Study/Sun School 3pm.

HOLY COMMUNION

Living Hope's Council determined that Holy Communion would be offered on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month during the vacancy. If any member should desire private communion, they need only speak with Pastor Schaller who would be happy to provide it.

SOUTHEAST WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Southeast Women's Retreat will be February 13-15, 2026 at Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford in North Carolina. Theme is Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

MIDWEST WOMEN'S RETREAT

Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one-day retreat on Saturday, October 25th from 9am-4pm. The theme for the retreat is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image." Presentations will include our Identity in Christ, our Identity Reflected to the world, and Confidence in our Identity. Childcare will be available. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y>. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 / jtheneman@live.com) with any questions.



FOOTBALL “GAME” AFTERNOON

The Luther Memorial Mission Committee is planning a get together on Sunday October 12th beginning at 2pm with food and including the (Pastor Schaller: “Groan”) Packers Game vs. the Bengals projected on the wall of the fellowship hall with other games being played at the same time! Put it on your calendar and join us!

MISSION BREAKFAST

The Luther Memorial Mission Committee has planned a Mission Breakfast for Saturday November 8th at 9am at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac. Bring a breakfast item and stay for a Mission Presentation!

USED SMARTPHONES FOR AFRICA

Missionary Bruce Naumann is requesting donations of a certain kind of Android smartphone, for use by pastors and pastoral students in East Africa. If you have a used phone that was once on a Verizon plan and would like to donate it, please bring it to the church office. Verizon is preferred because it will work with African cell carriers, but most others will not. These phones are much appreciated by students and pastors in our sister African churches - thank you!

Note: *The phones don’t need a sim card, since the user there has to purchase one. It’s best if the phone is also factory-reset (wiped of user information). Please don’t buy a new phone to donate, the folks overseas might be tempted to simply re-sell it.*

ABERDEEN CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION

Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) welcomes you to a dedication of their new church building: 1223 4th Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD. Join us 5 pm Sun. Oct. 26 for a Reformation-themed dedication service followed by a German-themed dinner. You are welcome to bring any side dish to share. Reach out to Pastor Daub at pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (406) 240-0980 with any questions.

As a merger with Prince of Peace (Hecla) and Redeemer (Bowdle) members residing in the Aberdeen area, Zion has called Pastor Daub to serve the congregation and is currently in the process of relocating their legal incorporation status from Ipswich to Aberdeen.

CLC WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST – SEPTEMBER 2025

Nepal (South Asia) – The Lord has blessed the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) with faithful and dedicated students. In early October, fourteen men will complete their studies at the HBI. Missionary Ohlmann is looking forward to attending the graduation and conducting a Bible training seminar with the students, pastors, and church leaders who will be at the HBI to attend the graduation. With the approval of additional Kinship sponsorships, the HBI will welcome new cohort of twenty students in January. Following the political unrest in Nepal on September 8, a calm has returned to the nation with the appointment of a new interim government. Elections are scheduled to be in six months. Ask the Lord to provide safe travels for everyone traveling to the HBI to attend the training seminar and graduation. Pray for His blessings on the preaching, teaching, and learning of God's word at the seminary. Pray that the Lord will lead and provide for a new stable and good government that will be a blessing to citizens of Nepal and for the Gospel ministry of the HCLCN.

India (South Asia) – A joint pastoral conference of the CLCI and BELC is scheduled for late October. CLC Board of Missions Chairman and Missionary Ohlmann will be there to attend. Please pray that the Lord will protect, support, and strengthen the faith of His children in India, especially amid the increasing persecution against Christians. Ask the Lord to bless the preparations for the upcoming pastoral conference and to provide for safe and uneventful travel for everyone who is planning to attend.

Bangladesh (South Asia) – Construction work on the multipurpose building is going well. This building will serve God's Kingdom as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Fourteen men are ready to begin pastoral training once the building is completed. Please continue to pray for the success of this building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work, so the project can stay on schedule.

The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – With the monsoon season coming to an end, Pastor Palangyos has begun regular visits to the two congregations of the LAMP. He also plans to resume work on a new worship and Bible training facility that his sister donated to the LAMP. One of the two LAMP congregations has recently experienced significant growth with new members, increased attendance, and baptisms. Please pray for the LAMP outreach efforts so that more people may repent of their sins and rejoice in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on these new members. Pray that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

Myanmar (South Asia) – Pastor Kham recently reported that military has been conducting nightly raids of homes known to have young boys and soccer fields during the day as the forcefully conscript young men in the army. Previously, the young men taken by the military could be ransomed with money. CLC Kinship funded the release of one of the orphans a few months ago. Now the military Junta is no longer accepting bribes because of the need for replacement soldiers. The orphan boys being cared for by Pastor Kham and his wife are in hiding and cannot go outside because military checkpoints are everywhere, even in front of the schools. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers, asking for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict. Thank the Lord for providing a new generator through the offerings to Kinship.

Tanzania (East Africa) — Pray for the ongoing education of the six students Wittenburg seminary students, and for the ministry of Amos Otiendo, who will begin his pastoral work in Moi's Bridge, Kenya, following graduation in November. Ask for the Lord's blessings and provision as several TCLC congregations are struggling to build permanent church buildings.

Kenya (East Africa) - God willing, the KCLC will meet for their annual conference in January. Missionary Naumann is scheduled to attend. Pray for God's blessing as the KCLC is working to establish new congregations. Ask the Lord to bless their ongoing efforts to work together as a cooperative church body.

Uganda (East Africa) - CCCRU pastors plan to meet in January to coordinate their work. Ask our Lord to provide for the daily needs of pastors as they struggle to serve the Lord and their families with little financial support from the impoverished congregation members.

Nigeria (West Africa) – With an MDF grant and local offerings, the Nigeria-CLC is on schedule to complete their long-awaited building project. Upon completion, the building will feature new classrooms, a library/computer room, and an office for faculty. Missionary Ohlmann plans to visit the NCLC in November for the dedication. Ask the Lord to continue to bless this project and thank Him for providing the funding through the NCLC and MDF offerings. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers in His Nigerian harvest of souls!

Togo (West Africa) – Three students are finishing up their studies at Mount Horeb Lutheran Seminary, with graduation scheduled for December 6. Missionary Ohlmann is planning to be in attendance. Pastor Kossi Blewu has conducted a Gospel outreach radio program in a town located about 30 minutes away from the seminary and plans to restart his radio programs as a means to establish a preaching station there. If the Lord blesses this effort, one of the graduates from the seminary will be called to serve there. Please pray for these students as they complete their studies and ask the Lord to bless their efforts in establishing preaching stations and congregations so that the truth of His saving word may be proclaimed for the salvation of Togolese souls.

Liberia (West Africa) – A regular schedule of Bible training seminars has resumed with pastors in several different areas of Liberia. Pastor Kwiwalazu is also making preparations for a LCLC wide pastoral conference in November when Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit.

DR Congo-CCLC (Central Africa) – Violence in the DRC Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann has been temporarily postponed until security improves. Pastor Yumba, who serves the CCLC, reports that the seminary students of Holy Trinity Lutheran Seminary are completing their vicarages. A graduation and ordination, when it is safe for Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann to visit, is being planned. Thank the Lord for the diligent study and faithful teaching of God's Word over the past several years at the Holy Trinity Seminary. Ask for the Lord's continued blessings on the students as they finish their vicarage assignments. Pray that the Lord will bring peace and an end to the greed and violence that have been such a terrible part of the DR Congo's history.

....to be continued.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

This past week Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, Michigan hosted the 2025 Great Lakes Pastoral Conference. The conference began at 10am (ET) on Tuesday September 30th and concluded at Noon (ET) on Thursday October 2nd. The following papers were presented and received at the conference: New Testament Exegesis of Romans 8:12ff by Pastor Luke Bernthal; American Lutheranism by Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld; A Review of a portion of Rick Curia's Paper on Objective Justification by Pastor Neal Radichel; Old Testament Exegesis of Psalm 84 by Professor Paul Naumann; A Study of Titus 3:10 by Pastor Chad Seybt; The Athanasian Creed by Pastor Andrew Schaller. Pastor Terrell Kesterson served as Chaplain and Pastor Michael Wilke was the conference speaker. Pastor Paul Agenten served as liturgist. The 2026 GLPC was set for September 29-October 1st in Fairchild, Wisconsin. Speak with Pastor Schaller if you would like to read one of the papers. The Conference offering was given to the CLC General Fund.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has called Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC to serve as their pastor. • Peace Through Christ in Middleton (Madison) WI, has called Pastor Stephan Sonnenfeld, who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran in Dowagiac (Sister Lakes), MI.

General Missions 2025

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 8/31/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (44)
\$5,500.00	\$3,709.00	\$1,791.00	\$41.00

Living Hope General Budget 2025

*The Voters of Living Hope set the General Budget.
This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.*

General Budget	Received as of 8/31/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (16 Sundays)
\$95,419.00	\$55,895.25	\$39,523.75	\$2,470.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR OCTOBER 6-11, 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.



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