

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	On the road to Emmaus
Monday	Genesis 18:1-14	Abraham & Sarah eat with God
Tuesday	Exodus 24:1-11	Moses eats with God
Wednesday	John 21:1-14	Jesus eats with his disciples
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:23-29	Recognizing the Lord's body
Friday	John 5:24-26, 37-40	The Scriptures testify to Christ
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-10	Feasting on God's riches
Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

They said to each other, "When he talked with us along the road and explained the Scriptures to us, didn't it warm our hearts?" *Luke 24:32 (CEV)*

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please walk with us today. Give us the faith to see you beside us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus, we praise you for the gifts of this table and our feast of Easter joy. Fill us with your love and life. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord walk with you this day and always. May he stay with you every night and every day. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What “gets you down”? What cheers you up?
- The two men walking to Emmaus were feeling sad. What turned their sadness into joy?
- Have you experienced Jesus alongside you when times have been difficult? How has he supported you?

DEVOTIONS:

The apostle Peter urges Christians to “love one another deeply, from the heart” (1 Peter 1:22). In your home devotional times this week discuss how love is given and received in your household. Invite each person to share what makes them feel both loved and unloved. Martin Luther drew upon 1 Peter 1:18-19 in his words of explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed. Read these words as part of your home devotional times. Pray that God will help you grow in expressing love to one another.

Explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

SERVICE:

Jesus came alongside two of his followers in their sorrow and brought them joy. Plan a visit to an elderly person in your congregation or community who would appreciate some company. Prepare a plate of treats to take with you.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Go for a walk together as a household. As you walk, invite each person to share how and where they “see” Jesus in their lives.