

DAILY DEVOTIONS JANUARY 12 - 18, 2025

Daily Devotions – investing time each day in God’s Word and prayer – is essential for a healthy faith life. If you live alone, think of someone you could invite to join you, either in person or on the phone. Resources for Daily Devotions are found on pages 294-330 in the hymnal. (You may borrow a hymnal from the church or ask about ordering hymnal(s) for yourself and others.) We also have free copies of Portals of Prayer with devotions for every day. Every person is encouraged to learn, pray, and yes, *memorize* a hymn, a Bible verse, and a selection from the Catechism each week. Pastor Mike would be glad to visit you to help you begin or improve your practice of Daily Devotions.

Hymn of the Week: 861 CHRIST BE MY LEADER

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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Weekly Bible Reading: Acts 4:11–12

¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Weekly Catechism: THE SECOND ARTICLE

Redemption

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

We pray for others and for ourselves

✠ We pray for all those facing health problems: Shirley K, Darlene F, Crystal, Hawk's friend Todd, Jerry Bullock,

Joan C, Jan's business colleague Brian (hearing), Jan's friend Joe, her friend Helen and her sister Margaret, Eric, Byron.

✝ Praise God Jan's friend Don, injured in a fall from a ladder, is experiencing healing.

✝ Continued healing and strength for Claudia and Kathy. A CT scan of Kathy's lungs 1/6/25 showed much improvement.

✝ For lost and wandering sheep to return to their Good Shepherd

✝ Guidance and wisdom for Mickey

✝ Joshua, missionary work in Chile for 2 months

✝ For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry B, Jerry's brother-in-law Ron, Karl, Jim M' neighbor John and his brother in law Dean (stage 1), Dick's friend Jim

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