

## DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR JUNE 8-14, 2025

### *HYMN OF THE WEEK: 602 THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES*

- 1     The gifts Christ freely gives  
      He gives to you and me  
      To be His Church, His bride,  
      His chosen, saved and free!  
      Saints blest with these rich gifts  
      Are children who proclaim  
      That they were won by Christ  
      And cling to His strong name.
  
- 2     The gifts flow from the font  
      Where He calls us His own;  
      New life He gives that makes  
      Us His and His alone.  
      Here He forgives our sins  
      With water and His Word;  
      The triune God Himself  
      Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
  
- 3     The gifts of grace and peace  
      From absolution flow;  
      The pastor's words are Christ's  
      For us to trust and know.  
      Forgiveness that we need

Is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends  
Us forth in His blest care.

4 The gifts are there each day  
The holy Word is read;  
God's children listen, hear,  
Receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself,  
Blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing  
Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine  
Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood  
Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in  
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;

# All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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## *BIBLE MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK:* John 20:22–23

<sup>22</sup>And when Jesus had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

## *CATECHISM SELECTION FOR THE WEEK:* *CONFESSION - What is the Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

### *Where is this written?*

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:22–23)

## ***We pray for others and for ourselves:***

- ✝ Prayers for members: Darlene F, Jerry Babb, Jerry and Claudia Bullock, Joan C, John & Millie M.
- ✝ Prayers for others: Brian (hearing), Helen and her sister Margaret, Cathy and Jerry, Morey.
- ✝ For all with cancer: Karen, Ron, Rick, John, Dean, Jim, Jan, Mary S, Thelma
- ✝ O Lord God, by the example of Your blessed Son, grant us grace to accept patiently the sufferings of the present time in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- ✝ For Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minnetonka that God will soon provide a pastor for them.
- ✝ Glory and honor, praise and thanks be to You, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for all the mercy and faithfulness You have shown to Mt. Olive congregation. Your Word has not returned to You void, but You have here gathered a people that knows You and fears Your name. Give me Your Holy Spirit that I may at all times see the good things in this congregation and praise and thank You for them. Bless Your Word in times to come that it may preserve the faithful in Your grace, convert those who do not yet belong to You, and bring back the erring and straying. Gather Your people as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and shelter Your congregation with Your love; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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