

DAILY DEVOTIONS FEBRUARY 2-8, 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: **644 The Church’s One Foundation**

1 The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.

From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy
bride;

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He
died.

2 Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her
oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up,
“How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of
song.

4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at
rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in
One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is
won.

O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your
grace

That we, like saints before us, May see You face to
face.

Weekly Bible Memory Verse

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*Weekly Catechism: THE THIRD ARTICLE
Sanctification*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

We pray for others and for ourselves

- ✝ We pray for all those facing health problems: Claudia, Claudia's friend Ruth (knee surgery) Kathy, Shirley K, Darlene F, Crystal, Jerry Babb, Hawk's friends Todd, Nancy, Sherry, Jerry Bullock, Joan C, Jan's business colleague Brian (hearing), Jan's friend Helen and her sister Margaret, Eric, Carol Meyer
- ✝ Joshua, missionary work in Chile for 2 months
- ✝ For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry Babb's brother-in-law Ron, Karl, Jim M' neighbor John and his brother in law Dean (stage 1), Dick's friend Jim
- ✝ We ask God to bring new members into our church and provide the financial and other resources needed to remain faithful to His mission.

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