

Daily Devotions for May 11-17, 2025

Hymn of the Week: 685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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Bible Memory Verse for the week

Luke 9:23

²³Jesus said to all, “If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and
follow me.

Weekly Catechism: HOLY BAPTISM - FOURTH

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)

We pray for others and for ourselves:

- ✝ We praise God for the gift of mothers and ask Him to sustain and strengthen them in their vocation as mothers.
- ✝ We pray for all those facing health problems: Brad, Peggy (pacemaker), Trudy, Jane S (recovering from a fall), Darlene F, Jerry Babb, Jerry and Claudia Bullock, Joan C, Jan’s business colleague Brian (hearing), Jan’s

friend Helen and her sister Margaret, Eric, Carol Meyer, Marilyn L's sister Cathy and husband Jerry – ongoing health concerns, Arlee's neighbor Morey – neurological disease.

✝ For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry Babb's brother-in-law Ron, Karl, Rick (Jan's colleague), Jim M' neighbor John and his brother in law Dean (stage 1), Dick's friend Jim, Don & Sandi's friend Jan Carr, Pat, Mary S., Thelma (resident at Stone Bay where Jerry Bullock is), 7-year old son of friends of Jan.

✝ For Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minnetonka that God will soon provide a pastor for them.

✝ That God's Holy Spirit would daily inspire us to genuine contrition and repentance, empowering us to put our old sinful nature to death, and causing us to walk more and more in the new life given to us by Jesus Christ.

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