



Taking Faith Home February 18, 2018

My Dear Fellow Christians, The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 10:17: *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.* If you have a sincere desire to grow in your faith and be strong in your faith then this promise of God is for you. When you read the Bible passages assigned below, be assured that God Himself is speaking to you. When you take to heart what God is saying to you, be further assured that the faith given to you in your Baptism is being nourished and strengthened. And so when you take this devotion outline and put it into practice, be assured that you are really:

TAKING FAITH HOME!

May God richly bless you! *Pastor Dan Decker*

The following is offered as a daily discipline for your reading, study, prayer, and praise.

I. Begin with: *In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

II. The Sacrament of the Altar, Part 2 *What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?* That is shown us in these words: *Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins;* namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 22:1-22

IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK: Lord God, Heavenly Father; You know that because of our human weakness we are not always able to stand against the devil and his evil schemes: Grant us strength in body and soul that we may live secure in the victory our Brother and Savior Jesus Christ has won for us by His death and resurrection. Amen

V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sunday—Psalm 22:23-31

Monday—Romans 5:1-5

Tuesday—Romans 5:1-11

Wednesday—Mark 1:1-13a

Thursday—Mark 1:13b-21

Friday—Mark 1:22-30

Saturday—Mark 1:31-38

VI. DAILY PRAYERS (Please try to focus your prayers on the theme of each day):

Sunday: Pray for St. Paul's members to experience the joy of Jesus' resurrection and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

Monday: Pray in thanksgiving for your Baptism, for your coworkers and the unemployed.

Tuesday: Pray that God's Word would guide your daily decisions, for those who have fallen away from the Church, and for all unbelievers.

Wednesday: Pray for those who serve in our government, for your family and friends, and for those who are in adult and junior confirmation classes.

Thursday: Pray in thanksgiving for the privilege of receiving the Lord's Supper.

Friday: Pray for all Christians who are experiencing persecution because of the Faith and for all who experience mental and physical pain.

Saturday: Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw His people to His House.

VII. SPECIAL PETITIONS FOR THIS WEEK: Pray for our associate pastor call process.

Our members, who are ill: Dorothy Johnson; Donna Louison; Frank Splinter; Payden Belk; Presley Belk

Friends/Family of our members, who are ill: *These names will remain on the list for three months.* Please remember all who are ill, especially:

JANUARY --- Pastor Paul Garchow; Erric Moen (*friend of Paul & Vicki Fetting*)

FEBRUARY --- Deb Husen (*mother of Jason Steinke*)

Military and families: (Capital Letters = Active Military): ZACH BOUTELLE; Dan Caldwell; RYAN CLAUER; MASON CRAWLEY (*son-in-law of Cynthia LeStarge*); MAKENZIE DE WAR; SETH HAFFERY; Kyle Hendrikson; Emily (Oscarson) Keator; Stephen Lenaas; CHAZ and KALON MAGNUSON (*sons of Cynthia LeStarge*); TYLER MOREHEAD; JONATHAN PALSMA (*son of Cynthia LeStarge*); Kathy (Sands) McKillips; AMBER SORNSON; KEITH SPOON. *Please note that some military members cannot be listed for security reasons.*

Missionaries: Shauen & Krista Trump serving in Africa; Kip & Ivy Hoech serving in Kyrgyzstan; Pastor John Reinke serving the Deaf; James & Christel Neuendorf and Jamielynn Tinkey serving in the Dominican Republic. *Please note that some missionaries cannot be listed for security reasons.*