



## Taking Faith Home May 27, 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:

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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. Confess the First Article of the Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.** *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my limbs, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them; in addition thereto, clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and homestead, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life, protects me from all danger, and guards me and preserves me from all evil; and all this out of pure, fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I owe it to Him to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

**III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 29**

**IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK:** Faithful God, Whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness, and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Sunday**-Psalm 150

**Monday**-Isaiah 61:1-8

**Tuesday**-Acts 2:14-21

**Wednesday**-Acts 2:22-36

**Thursday**-John 3:1-15

**Friday**-John 3:16-17

**Saturday**-Romans 8:14-17

**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 God's blessings on our congregation's veterans.

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

**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:

MARCH --- Nancy Wagner Zimborski (*alumna of St. Paul's School*)

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

MAY --- 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.*