



Taking Faith Home July 23, 2017

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 As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household. *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?* It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself. *Where is this written?* The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul, write thus: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread: and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Take, drink ye all of it. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 125

IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK: Lord Jesus Christ, it is You, isn't it, coming to me in the Lord's Supper? It is You in the flesh, with the ordinary bread and Your body broken on the Cross, filling me with Your presence, Your love, Your forgiveness, and filling me with the memory of everything You have done for me by Your death and resurrection. You are really there for me. Thank You Lord Jesus. Amen.

V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sunday—Deuteronomy 7:1-5

Monday—Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Tuesday—Romans 8:18-25

Wednesday—Matthew 13:24-30

Thursday—Matthew 13:31-35

Friday—Matthew 13:36-43

Saturday—Matthew 13:44-52

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 upcoming Vacation Bible School.

Our members, who are ill: Dorothy Johnson; Julia Boutelle; Donna Louison; Michelle Taylor; Jason Malloy, Myra Heller, Frank Splinter

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 --- Paul Klotka (*friend of LeAnn Bertagnoli*)

APRIL --- Walt Walker (*step-father of Jessica Lalor-Slama*); Amanda Sodemann (*former member of St. Paul's*)

JUNE --- Joe Collins (*son-in-law of Phil & Carol Welte*); Pastor Paul Garchow; Krista Garchow; Kaylin Burzynski (*sister of Jeff Kuglitsch*); David Redmann (*son of Ray & Karen Redmann*); Pam Williams (*wife of former St. Paul's vicar Barry Williams*); Carol Friedrich (*niece of Elaine Ingold*)

JULY --- Leone Schonack (*mother of Linda Renk*)

Military and families: (Capital Letters = Active Military): ZACH BOUTELLE; Dan Caldwell; RYAN CLAUER; SETH HAFFERY; Kyle Hendrikson; Emily (Oscarson) Keator; Stephen Lenaas; KALON MAGNUSON (*son of Cynthia LeStarge*); TYLER MOREHEAD; JONATHAN PALSMA (*son of Cynthia LeStarge*); Kathy Seifarth, 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.*