



October 7, 2018

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Lord, your law is the sign of your everlasting love. Keep us faithful to your word that our lives might testify to your grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. (Exodus 19:4-6a)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Moses has successfully and safely led the Israelites out of slavery into the wilderness. How would they live in their newly gained freedom? Never fear, God is about to lay down the law. And that's not a bad thing.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What gods are served in your community other than God (celebrities, money, progress, etc.)? Which gods fail to live up to their promises?

Which commandments do you find hardest to follow? What gets in your way of following God's laws?

For the littles: What is the hardest rule to follow? What is the easiest? God gives us rules so we can be safe and happy.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with healthy rules. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Make a list of rules to be followed by yourself and others in your household that will help your household run smoothly. Post them where they can be seen. Reward yourself when you follow them.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Deuteronomy 34:1-12, *Moses Dies*

Tuesday, Joshua 1:1-9, *God's Commission to Joshua*

Wednesday, Joshua 2:1-21, *Spies Sent to Jericho*

Thursday, Joshua 3:1-17, *Israel Crosses the Jordan*

Friday, Joshua 6:1-14, *Jericho Taken and Destroyed*

Saturday, Joshua 6:15-27, *Jericho Destroyed and Rahab Spared*

Family Business

FAITH

Men's Bible Study Join us Tuesdays at 6:30am and Thursdays at 8:00am as we journey together through the scriptures and spend time in fellowship.

Adult Education, Heaven and Hell October 7 and 14 Images of heaven and hell will be in full display in our stores, on our homes and in the costumes our children will wear while trick-or-treating. However entertaining they may be, these images don't resemble the heaven or hell described in the Bible. Which raises the issue: What do we believe about heaven and hell, and where did we get such ideas? Join us Sundays at 10:45am after worship on the West end of the building.

Theology Pub is a great opportunity for us to meet in a comfortable setting to explore faith, ask questions and have a great time. Come and get your fill of food and beverage and engage in some wonderful conversation. We'll meet just down the road at Green Mill on Tuesday, October 30th at 7:00 pm.

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Progressive Potluck, has been rescheduled to Nov 11th, 5:00-7:00pm Join us as we look at our dinner group ministry by sharing a meal. Bring a favorite dish and join us for conversation on how we can connect through small groups. **CS**

Beer & Hymn Sing Join us on Monday, October 15 from 7-9 pm at the Angry Inch Brewery in Lakeville as we sing songs of faith. Come and enjoy a Beer or Root Beer as we join with other local Lutheran congregations for this time of celebration and remembering.

IMPACT

Red Cross Bloodmobile Tuesday, October 9 11:30am to 5:30 pm. Donors and volunteers are needed. To donate blood, go to www.redcrossblood.org.

Tanzania Scholarships Family of Christ and the St. Paul Area Synod, in partnership with Bega Kwa Bega, help students from the Usokami parish go to secondary school. The scholarship cost is \$400, although all donations are welcome. Envelopes are available at the ushers stand. Scholarships due by Nov 1st. **CS**

Tanzania Trip We are looking at taking a trip to visit our sister congregation in 2020. If you want more information please check the **CS**.

LUTHER: The Rock Opera

Come hear the story of Martin Luther and the reformation like you've never before. Thurs., Oct. 25 at 7pm @ Christus Victor in Apple Valley. \$10

LOVE

CPR and AED Certification

We are looking for people to be certified in CPR and AED for all ages. Training will be on October 27th from 9:00am-noon. Cost is \$50 (\$70 for AHA CPR card) sign up in narthex or email the office. **CS**

Gift Cards We are in need of gift cards from Target to help those that need financial assistance. Drop off your gift cards or donations at the office or in the offering plate.

YOUTH

Sunday School Preschool-4th grade join us after worship for a time of learning and fun. All are welcome to be a part of this. Kids will be dismissed before the final worship song. Registration forms available in class or online at www.familyofchrist.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH

PROGRAM continues on October 10th at 6:30pm for a time of fellowship, learning, and fun. All are welcome. Meal at 6:00pm.