



# October – 2017

## Daily Devotions

Christ Our Redeemer

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Date	Read	
October 1	Genesis 50:15-21	1. What dangers surface when grudges are held?
October 2		2. What blessings flow when forgiveness is freely given?
October 3	Romans 14:5-9	1. What happens when people live for themselves?
October 4		2. Why is life so satisfying when you live for the Lord?
October 5	Ephesians 4:29-5:2	1. How does unwholesome talk tear people down?
October 6		2. How does wholesome talk build people up?
October 7	Matthew 18:21-35	What does Jesus teach you about forgiveness in this parable?
October 8	Read Isaiah 55:6-9	1. How can you help the wicked forsake his evil ways?
October 9		2. Why is it a blessing and comfort to know your LORD in the heavens is in complete control?
October 10	Philippians 1:18-27	1. How can you personally support the preaching of the gospel?
October 11		2. What motivation and comfort comes in the promise “to live is Christ, to die is gain”?
October 12		3. What guides you to live in a manner worthy of the gospel?

October 13	Matthew 20:1-16	1. This parable focuses on God's grace. What is Jesus' point?
October 14		2. Why is it comforting to know that God's grace doesn't depend on what you do?
October 15	Ezekiel 18:1-4 & 25-28	1. God is sometimes accused of being unfair. How does Ezekiel address that?
October 16		2. How is true repentance and sorrow for sin evident in your life?
October 17	2 Corinthians 13:5-8	1. How can you use God's Word to examine your life of faith?
October 18		2. How does the life you lead testify to the truth of God's Word?
October 19	Matthew 21:28-32	1. How does the Holy Spirit change your mind so that you want to serve your Savior?
October 20		2. What is the way of righteousness Matthew speaks of in verse 32?
October 21	Psalms 1	How does this psalm speak to the blessings of studying God's Word?
October 22	Isaiah 5:1-7	1. Why is it helpful to hear Isaiah tell us that churches are made up of imperfect people?
October 23		2. Despite our imperfections we are still the garden of God's delight.
October 24	Philippians 3:12-21	1. How do we let go of our past?
October 25		2. How does looking at our future keep us going in the present?
October 26		3. How does thinking of heavenly things keep us from focusing too much on earthly things?

October 27	Matthew 21:33-43	1. In what shameful ways is Jesus still treated?
October 28		2. How can you bring honor to Jesus and his name with your life?
October 29	Jeremiah 31:31-34	1. How is the new covenant (gospel) different than the old covenant (law)?
October 30		2. How does the gospel in our hands influence the actions of our lives?
October 31		3. How does the Reformation teaching “by grace alone” come out in this scripture?

### ***MORNING DEVOTION***

God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

**Your mercies are new every morning.**

Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

**Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.**

Better than life is your love.

**Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

#### ***Reading and Hymn or Psalm***

***Private Prayers & Luther’s Morning Prayer*** I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

#### ***Blessing***

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives. **Amen.**

## ***EVENING DEVOTION***

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.

**The light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, for it is evening.

**And the day is almost over.**

Let your light scatter the darkness

**Let it shine in our hearts and lives. Amen.**

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***Reading and Hymn or Psalm***

#### ***Private Prayers***

##### ***Luther's Evening Prayer***

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

##### ***Blessing***

May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us. **Amen.**