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Daily Devotions

Christ Our Redeemer

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Date	Reading	
July 1 Pentecost 6	Lamentations 3:22-26	Why does the LORD's faithfulness give us patience to face each day?
July 2	Lamentations 3:27-33	In the midst of grief and affliction what does God's unfailing love mean to you?
July 3	2 Corinthians 8:1-5	Can you give some examples of how severe trial opens up rich generosity?
July 4	2 Corinthians 8:6-9	What motivates excellence in all giving?
July 5	Mark 5:21-24	What does Jesus' willingness to be with Jairus when he needed help mean to you?
July 6	Mark 5:35-43	When will Jesus say to you, "Talitha kum!"
July 7	Psalm 30	How does this psalm make us aware of our sins? How does it point us to the LORD's grace?
July 8 Pentecost 7	Ezekiel 2:1-5	What evidence reveals that, like Israel, our nation is a rebellious nation?
July 9	Ezekiel 2:1-5	As a Christian how can you, like Ezekiel, stand up and speak out?
July 10	2 Corinthians 12:7-10	What thorns of the flesh are you dealing with in your life?

July 11	2 Corinthians 12:7-10	How does God use difficulties to teach you, "my grace is sufficient for you"?
July 12	Mark 6:1-6	As you live your faith in an unbelieving world why do some people take offense?
July 13	Mark 6:1-6	In spite of rejection or ridicule why is it vital for you to bring Jesus honor with your life?
July 14	Psalm 143	What enemies pursue you and how does the LORD rescue you from them?
July 15 Pentecost 8	Amos 7:10-15	In whatever you do in life, how does the LORD use you to witness sin and grace?
July 16	Ephesians 1:3-6	Why are you holy and blameless in the sight of God?
July 17	Ephesians 1:7-10	How has God lavished on you all the riches of his grace?
July 18	Ephesians 1:11-14	How is the Holy Spirit and his gift of faith a deposit guaranteeing your home in heaven?
July 19	Mark 6:7-13	What did Jesus call his disciples to do and what are the obvious implications for us?
July 20	Psalm 78:1-4	How do Christians teach younger Christians with both their lips and their lives?
July 21	Psalm 78:5-7	What blessings flow from handing down God's Word from one generation to the next?
July 22 Pentecost 9	Jeremiah 23:1-4	How can you tell the difference between evil and good shepherds (pastors)?
July 23	Jeremiah 23:5-6	How, as your King, does Jesus reign wisely and do what is right?
July 24	Ephesians 2:13-18	Why were you once far away from God and how did Jesus bring you near to him?
July 25	Ephesians 2:19-22	What blessings come into your life because you are part of a Christian congregation?
July 26	Mark 6:30-34	How can you help people who are like sheep without a shepherd?

July 27	Psalms 23:1-3	How does the Good Shepherd psalm bring you peace in the present?
July 28	Psalms 23:4-6	How does the Good Shepherd psalm give you confidence for the future?
July 29 Pentecost 10	Exodus 24:3-11	How does the covenant (contract) sealed with blood point to the coming of Christ?
July 30	Ephesians 4:1-7	What motivates you to live humbly, gently, and patiently?
July 31	Ephesians 4:11-16	How does Jesus use pastors and teachers to help you grown and mature in your life of faith?

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.**

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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.**