

Congregation in Devotion

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Gunnison, CO – July 7-12, 2025

- Mon: Read [Lev. 18:1-5](#). What does it mean that if a person does God's statutes and rules, 7/7 he shall live by them? What does it mean to actually do God's statutes and rules? We pray: O God, heavenly Father, we know that only Christ our Lord has walked blamelessly according to all Your statutes and rules. Have mercy on us. Forgive us for the sake of Christ's death and give us new life according to Christ's resurrection. Put Your Spirit into our hearts and lead us on Your path for Your name's sake that we would, in the mercy of Christ and by His grace, live according to Your love. Amen.
- Tue: Read [Luke 10:25-37](#). When the lawyer spoke to Jesus he did so "desiring to justify 7/8 himself." What does this mean? How did this desire lead the lawyer astray? When Jesus answers, His answer focuses on mercy. How did the lawyer's desire relate to mercy? We pray: Lord God, You know that our hearts are desperately sick and deceitful above all things. We cannot count the wrongful ways we walk out of a desire to justify ourselves. Forgive us for this. Give us hearts of mercy. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
- Wed: One of our hymns for this Sunday is printed on the reverse. Read the hymn (or sing 7/9 it if so inclined) and reflect on how it relates to our readings. Pray the hymn.
- Thu: Read [Colossians 1:1-14](#). How does walking in a manner worthy of the Lord relate to 7/10 the statutes and rules from Monday's reading and Christ's discussion with the lawyer on Tuesday? What does it mean for us to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord? Is this law or gospel? We pray: Father, who are we that we should do what is good? Who are we that we should have good works? Who are we to increase in knowledge of You? Have mercy on us for the sake of Christ, give to us Your good works, a manner worthy of our Lord, and ever increase our knowledge of You. These gifts that You give to us are our joy and delight, and we pray that You pour them out upon us to Your glory. Amen.
- Fri: Read [Psalm 41](#) (the psalm assigned for the week). How does this psalm address 7/11 mercy? We pray: O Lord, be gracious to us; heal us, for we have sinned against You. Amen.
- Sat: The Small Catechism explains with respect to the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer 7/12 ("Forgive us our trespasses...") that "We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us." How does this reflect Jesus' conversation with the lawyer in our Luke reading? We pray: God, truly we have no merit. Have mercy on us. Hear our prayers for the sake of Christ. Cast every pretense from us and lead us to live according to Your mercy that we would abound in Your love to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.