

LOGOS

The word from Word of Life

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REFRESHMENT!

After a dry summer it is now refreshing to have cooler weather and clouds with a few drops of rain. The leaves are turning color and falling to the ground. When fall arrives and the children are returning to school sometimes there are thoughts of the feelings of anticipation felt so many years ago. Would there be any new students, will we be using the same book for Minnesota history that my sister studied? I enjoyed going to school and even today the idea of having a concentrated study time is welcomed, especially when the text book is the Bible. One required class while attending Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle was - How to Study the Bible. The text book was "The Joy of Discovery" by Oletta Wald. To this day it is still a joy to search for the many truths hidden in God's word!

Hearing the scripture(s) read during a church service is not enough for any of us. Personal involvement is the key to unlocking the message that permeates the entire 66 books of the Bible, God's personal involvement and concern for His creation and each one of us. Our congregation has been incorporating a bible study in the place of a sermon for the last 3-4 years. Weekly, the "sermon notes" are prepared (preparers rotate) and emailed to the members for study before coming together on Sunday evening. Just recently the format of the "notes" changed from including scripture and commentary selections to scripture and a process that assists in individual study called "Lectio Divina". This method was devised for personal meditation but is fitting for group study also.

THE LECTIO DIVINA STEPS

Reading - What does the text say that everyone should understand?

Meditation - Consider own life and areas God is calling me to contemplate.

Prayer - What can I say to the Lord in response to his word?

Contemplation - What changes of the mind, heart and life are asked of me?

Action - Acts done out of the inspiration we receive from faith in God's love.

Implementing these steps has affected our discussions in a positive way. As you take time to delve into God's word, consider trying these steps to find refreshment for your mind, heart, and soul.

Jesus says in Matthew 11:29 - Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest (refreshment) for your souls.

Need suggestions for study? Use texts from the September and October readings!



Worship Texts for September					
Date		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sept. 1	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 25:2-10	Psalm 131	Hebrews 13:1-17	Luke 14:1-14
Sept. 8	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-35
Sept. 15	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 34:11-24	Psalm 119:169-176	1 Timothy (5-11) 12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 22	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 8:4-7	Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-15	Luke 16:1-15
Sept. 29	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 6:1-7	Psalm 146	1 timothy 3:1-13	Luke 16:19-31



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Encouraging Words

Romans 3:28 (NIV)

For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Ephesians 2:8

For by such grace you have been saved through faith. For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; God saved you through faith as an act of kindness.

In October, as we celebrate the Reformation, we are reminded that our “works” do not bring us into God’s presence, but it is our “faith”. Faith that the blood of Jesus covers our sins which then allows God to look upon us. This “faith” is also a gift from God. AMEN!

**September 1st &
October 6th**
Potluck at 5:00pm
Communion Service
at 6:00pm

- Word of Life Core Values**
- *Jesus is Lord.*
 - *Jesus is our guide.*
 - *Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.*
 - *Prayer changes things.*
 - *Faith is God’s gracious gift that saves.*



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Worship Texts for October					
Date		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Oct. 6	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalm 62	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:1-10
Oct. 13	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 1:1-19a	Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:1-13	Luke 17:11-19
Oct. 20	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 32:22-30	Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3;14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct. 27	Reformation Sunday	Revelation 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36