



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church; ELCA Sebekka, MN E-News

For June 21 & 28, 2020

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 6/21/20—7/4/20

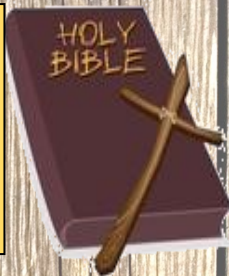
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SUNDAY, Ezekiel 1:1-2:1
MONDAY, Ezekiel 2:2-10
TUESDAY, Ezekiel 3:1-27
WEDNESDAY, Ezekiel 10:1-22
THURSDAY, Ezekiel 36:1-15
FRIDAY, Ezekiel 36:16-38
SATURDAY, Ezekiel 37:1-14

SUNDAY, Ezekiel 37:15-28
MONDAY, Ezekiel 39:21-29
TUESDAY, Ezekiel 43:1-12
WEDNESDAY, Genesis 12:1-20
THURSDAY, Genesis 13:1-18
FRIDAY, Genesis 14:1-24
SATURDAY, Genesis 15:1-21

6/21

10:30am OSLC / Balsamlund
Fellowship on Zoom

6/24

6:30pm Smart Team Mtg
9pm Evening Prayer

6/28

10:30am OSLC / Balsamlund
Fellowship on Zoom

7/1

9pm Evening Prayer

*Online Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

-Facebook Live Evening Prayer Service on Wednesdays at 9:00pm.

- OSLC/Balsamlund Fellowship on Zoom, June 21 & 28, at 10:30am. Links are in this E-News email and listed on the backside of the E-News. You can also join by phone.

Great News! Come join us July 5th at 10am for a drive-in worship service. We will have a designated spot in the parking lot facing the church for you to park. We will have a couple people assigned to assist with directing where to park. We have purchased an FM Transmitter so you can dial your radio to a radio station and we can enjoy a safe, physically distant worship service. We will ask you to stay in your car although you may have your windows down. The church building will not be open, except for Pastor to set up the transmitter. For this first service we will not offer Communion. As we figure out the logistics on how to offer Communion safely, we will add it back in. More details to come as we get closer to the date. Although this will be significantly different than what we are used to, we are approaching this as a fun way to start worshiping together while still keeping everyone safe. If they have not already, a member of our Council will also be contacting you to update you on this.

* Dawn will be out of the office June 22-26. If you need any thing please contact Janet Eckman or Pastor Eric.

*Pathways Bible Camps has an exciting opportunity for us to bring small parts of camp to us each day, all summer long. It's called the Pass It On program. Every day some element of camp - a nature walk around camp, worship in the chapel, a Bible study, songfests, arts and crafts - will be posted to the Pathways Facebook page. Follow along there for more ways to connect this summer!

*Every Sunday morning, Pastor Eric uploads a worship playlist to our YouTube page. To find them, simply follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCitfWRV-YHeZt4KIdsoYcrw> Once you are there, click the tab that says "Playlists" and find the most recent Sunday's date for that week's worship playlist.

"to live among God's faithful people..."

When things are going crazy in the world or in my life, one of the things that helps me center myself or re-focus is a sort of "back to basics" approach. This is true for physical health - have I drank enough water? gotten enough sleep? gotten some exercise? It's also true for our spiritual health as well.

One of those re-focusing lines for me is the promises we make when we affirm our baptism.

The first of these promises is that we promise to *live among God's faithful people*.

This has been particularly helpful for me lately because - I don't know about you - but I see things on the news or I see people posting things on social media and I think "Oh man I'm glad I'm not like *that* person" or "I'm glad I have it more together than they do." But the truth of the matter is that by thinking that, I'm creating division in my heart.

When we think these thoughts or ones similar, we're no longer living *among* God's faithful people, but we're attempting to live over them or above them or greater than them. We lose our sense of humility and pride threatens to overtake us.

The second part that sticks out to me is the word "faithful." When we promise to live *among*, it's a reminder to humble ourselves. When we speak the word faithful about others, it elevates those around us as well.

It reminds us that those people who think differently than us are also faithful children of God trying to live and serve to the best of their abilities.

Glennon Doyle has a great line in her book *Carry On, Warrior* that has stuck with me and reminded me of this truth time and again. She says,

"Be confident because you are a child of God. Be humble because so is everyone else."

Living among God's faithful people means remembering God has called us and claimed us in baptism. It's a call to both confidence and humility, boldness and meekness.

So in this time of pandemics and protests, may we lean into this promise to live among God's faithful people - to embrace this time of boldly proclaiming God's love and faithfulness to all.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric