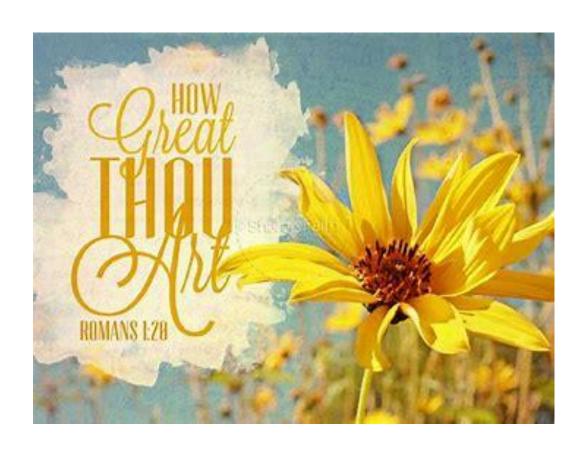
RESURRECTION NEWS



JUNE 2021

Pastor's Letter June 2021

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month, we begin an exploration of the Ten Commandments, starting with the First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? Answer: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

You have probably heard these words before. The commandment, of course, comes from the Bible (Exodus 20:3, to be exact). But the explanation (the answer to the question, *What does this mean?*) comes from Martin Luther's Small Catechism. This commandment was both the first and the foundational commandment given by God to the people of Israel at Mount Sinai.

Luther offers some interesting reflections on this commandment which show us the relevance of this command today. In his Large Catechism, Luther famously wrote: "I say that whatever you set your heart on and put your trust in is truly your God." So, what do you set your heart on and trust in? To ask it differently, what causes you to sleep well at night? Is it knowing that your bills are covered for the month? Is it knowing you'll have food on the table tomorrow? Is it knowing you have the funds to cover your dream vacation? Do you sleep well at night because you're proud of your own personal achievements? If any of those things are the cause of your good sleep at night, then you've just identified a "god" in your life other than the Lord.

I could just as easily ask the question in reverse. When you don't sleep well at night, what's the cause? Is it worry about any of those concerns mentioned above? Perhaps that has become your "god." Is it concern for someone or something else? Perhaps it's time to recognize that you aren't God. To quote Jesus, "Which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?" (Luke 12:25).

Let me ask one final question: Do you cling to God or flee from him when you are in trouble? What's your instinct? Your answer to this question will tell you a lot about where you are in relation to this commandment. Oftentimes the human response to trouble is to only ask for help when it's absolutely necessary. I demonstrate this every time I can't find what I'm looking for in a grocery store—I would rather walk up and down every aisle in the store three times than ask for help! How dumb is that? Yet that what so many of us do with God. We cling to God when we're in trouble if and only if we've exhausted our abilities to get ourselves out of trouble. But until then, most of us would rather hide from God, pretending to be gods ourselves.

This is the most basic of human sins—it goes all of the way back to the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve gave into the serpent's temptation and ate from the tree because they thought they would "be like God" (Gen. 3:5). And when that proved to not work out the way they thought it would, "the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God" (Gen. 3:8). The First Commandment shows us quite clearly that we are sinners—we do exactly what the Lord has commanded us not to do.

Yet this commandment also points us to the Gospel. And in the Gospel, we're reminded that God is more than a divine law-giver. He is our heavenly Father who loves us—so much so, in fact, that he sent his son, Jesus, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross, that where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome (Proper Preface for Holy Week).

This First Commandment is a gift from the Lord. It invites you to reflect on more than just your sinfulness. It invites you to reflect on the love of Jesus and to place your trust in him more fully each day. I pray that the Holy Spirit would grant you the desire and ability to do just this.

Peace in Jesus, Pastor Akers

Notes from your Deaconess

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

The season of green
In churches, fields, and forests-Brings signs of new growth

Sunshine and rain showers help to bring growth to trees, vines, vegetables, flowers, and fields of grain. Water, flour, salt, and yeast—four simple ingredients to combine, knead, allow time, and subject to high heat, yield delicious and nourishing results. I love to bake bread, usually with a few more ingredients than noted above, but what a gift from God! All through scripture we find references to bread (most often unleavened, so without yeast), and Jesus even calls himself the Bread of Life. Martin Luther gave a sermon called (in English) "All Become One Cake" which also expands the metaphor of Jesus as the Bread of Life to all believers who, in partaking and being united with him, also become bread and sustenance for one another in the Body of Believers. Our church family members are our traveling *companions*—a word which alludes to those with whom we share bread. In order to continue to be and share bread with each other, and to offer that bread to a hungry world, we need to gather for worship. At these times we receive doses of "sonshine" (from the Light of the world) and showers (Living Water) of God's word which we hear, sing, pray, and speak to one another. We also together dine at the Lord's Supper, again uniting with him, each other, and receiving forgiveness and strength. I hope to see you often in this green season.

Since we find ourselves in Series B of the Three-Year Lectionary, we will hear readings nearly every Sunday from the gospel according to Mark until Advent begins a new church year again. Our daily lectionary readings, however, move us into John's gospel with its very different account of our Lord's ministry including lots of "I am" statement from Jesus, for the New Testament readings. We will read from Proverbs in the Old Testament. Near the end of June we will switch to the Acts of the Apostles—reading about the church beginning to move *out* of Jerusalem into the world, and we will follow Joshua as he brings the people of Israel *into* the Promised Land.

The women's Saturday morning Bible study every other week continues to focus on the minor prophets. Come join The Saturday Morning Gang any time you'd like, there's no need to worry about having not come previously or recently. We meet from 8:30am to around 10am, in the large fellowship hall downstairs—although it's possible we'll move upstairs to the classroom at times. I plan to hold studies on June 5 and 19. You are also welcome to join via a Zoom link if you would prefer, for whatever reason. Call, speak to, or email me with any questions or to be added to my email list for those gatherings.

Under his mercy, Sharon M. Conover

And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness." John 12:44-46

Worship Schedule

Beginning June 6 will have fellowship between the two services. Sunday Bible Class/Sunday School and Thursday Bible Study are on break for summer and will resume in September. We will worship at 8:30 and 10:45 on June 6 with fellowship from 9:45-10:30. Masks will be required.

Effective June 13th, we will adopt the following schedule:

- 8:30am Worship Masks & Physical Distancing Required
- 9:45am Fellowship Masks & Physical Distancing Optional (recommended per CDC guidance*)
- 10:45am Worship Masks & Physical Distancing Optional (recommended per CDC guidance*)

*Disclaimer: **The CDC still recommends that non-vaccinated individuals wear a mask** because they are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19. However, LCR will not seek to verify anyone's vaccination status.

In order to maintain proper 6-foot physical distancing, attendance at the 8:30am worship service will be limited. If you plan to attend this service, please RSVP to help us facilitate this.

The Library Corner

In April I gave an overview of a new book to our church library called <u>Weary Joy: The Caregiver's Journey</u> by Kim Marxhausen to the ladies who gathered for the LWML meeting. This recent publication from Concordia Publishing House (CPH) has practical, theological, scriptural, and devotional reflections and references for anyone who has a spouse, parent, sibling, close friend, or even child who needs increasing levels of care especially as regards dementia issues. We have a few copies of this particular book in our library. You can find a few other books related to this topic in the library as well.

We have many titles related to parenting and raising children in the faith.





Since the LWML could not hold the Christmas Craft Fair this past December, we have decided to have an outdoor CHRISTMAS IN JULY Craft Fair!!!!

It will be Saturday, July 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Rain date will be Saturday, July 17th.)

Good News/Bad News: No baked items, no cookies, and no chili.

We will have 10 tables set up in the parking lot with various items, as we have previously done indoors. The tables and aisles will be set up with social distancing in mind. We will need one person to sit at each table (if possible), and two people at the checkout table.

We will be selling Christmas crafts and items, as well as other crafts. Of course, if you have any crafty items you have made during our long time at home, we would be most grateful. We also would like to have a plant table, so any plants or cuttings that you have would be appreciated.

We will, as usual, have a White Elephant section. Please don't forget those books too! Because the sale is outside, we certainly will have room for larger items. If you donate something, please be prepared to retrieve unsold items.

For more information, and/or if you wish to help, please call, text, or email:

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REMINDER!

The next issue of LCR's Newsletter will be our usual "Summer" issue. This will include all the activities, articles, and schedules for both July and August. So please make sure to get any information for these months to Christine or Sharon Klipp by June 20th. THANK YOU!



WHOO HOO, YIPEE, YEA

At long last we will be resuming Sunday Fellowship, since Sunday School and Bible study are on hiatus for the summer.

Fellowship will be held <u>between</u> services and thus an excellent opportunity to "meet and greet" those whom you may not have seen in "forever" and those you see every Sunday.

We will be starting this on Sunday, June 6. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. (P.S. June 6 is already taken). I encourage you to seek out a "buddy" to partner with, maybe a person from each service, which would make setting up and clean up easier.

We will set the coffee and food up in the Fellowship Hall. All the windows and doors will be open for maximum ventilation and you are certainly free to stay inside or go outside as we will have tables set up outside as well. Whatever makes you most comfortable.

For those of you who have not done this before, or those of you who need a refresher, all that you need to do, is get the coffee started, and put out some "goodies" and paper goods. The goodies can be as simple as cookies, cheese and crackers, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call, text, or email:

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Defending the Faith

Sometimes the Best Defense is a Good Defense.

Abortion. There. I've said it. One of the most inflammatory topics you can bring up in discussion, and it's one that puts the faithful Christian in direct opposition with the values of much of society. It's about to get more so as the US Supreme Court is about to take up a case that would prohibit abortion after 15 weeks of gestation. Let's pray for success!

My goal in this article is to give you a way to discuss the topic of abortion in a calm, logical fashion that doesn't have to end in a brawl. We don't even need to resort to Scripture, which is helpful because it's likely that the person you're talking with won't respect God's Word.

Let's start with the basics in the form of a syllogism.

- 1. It is wrong to take an innocent life without proper justification.
- 2. Abortion takes an innocent life without proper justification.
- 3. Therefore, abortion is wrong.

The pro-abortion person has to attack one or both of the premises (1, 2 or both). Well, the first is unassailable unless that person wants to argue that you can kill without justification. In that case, you're either dealing with sarcasm or a psychopath.

More likely, they'll attack #2. They'll argue that a fetus isn't "life", or at least life worthy of protection. If that reminds you of Nazi Germany's phrase "life unworthy of life", you're heading in the right direction. We all know how that evil chapter of history turned out.

Here's an acronym that will help you: <u>SLED</u>. Each letter represents one of the four most common reasons that pro-aborts will use to argue for their position.

- S. <u>Size</u>. The fetus is a clump of cells. It is no more morally significant to dispose of it than to cut out a wart. By that reasoning, the smaller the person, the less value they have. Is that true? Do we value somebody who is 6 feet tall more than somebody who is 5' 11"? Can we murder dwarfs for the fun of it? How about toddlers? Clearly size isn't a meaningful distinction here.
- L. <u>Level of Development</u>. The fetus (and by the way, I refer to them as babies, because that's what they are), are not fully developed, so there are no moral reasons to protect them. Does that hold water? Well, a six-year-old girl isn't fully developed either. She cannot yet bear children, so can we kill her if she becomes "inconvenient"? Of course not. The unborn is just as much human as a 30 year old. Every one of us was at that stage of development at one time.
- E. <u>Environment</u>. The unborn is just that unborn. She has not made her appearance in our world yet, so she's nothing special. By their reasoning, you can kill her until the moment she's born. But is there something magical about a trip through the birth canal? Something there that brands her as a genuine human being on the way to draw her first breath? Of course not. By their reckoning, you can kill her as she is partially but not completely out of the birth canal. This cruelest of sins is what's known as partial birth abortion. However, location is simply irrelevant. There is no place in the human experience where location has a bearing on a person's value. That's true whether she's in the womb or on top of Mt. Everest. A human being is a human being, no matter where she's located.
- D. <u>Degree of Dependency</u>. By the pro-abort's reasoning, the unborn baby isn't fully human because it's completely dependent on Mom. But is that rational? Does that reasoning apply to a quadriplegic? How about a surgical patient under anesthesia? How about a toddler? A senior citizen in a nursing home? All of these people are dependent on others for their survival, and all are still valuable human beings. We cannot kill them for our own convenience which is the rationale for the vast, overwhelming majority of abortions.

All that said, it's important to know that there is forgiveness for those who have had an abortion. God's Grace is big enough to cover any sin, including this one.

If you know someone who is struggling with guilt over this, reach out and pray with them. Assure them of God's amazing, never-ending love. Invite them to talk and share the Gospel. If you need something to say in prayer, I like this from Numbers 6:24-26. Maybe you've heard it before?

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

As always, I'd love to hear your comments, suggestions and criticism either in person or via email at Charles.j.macpherson@gmail.com.

Charlie MacPherson, SDG



Members of the Month

Pastor Akers was born in Washington, Missouri—a short distance from the family's home in Hermann, Missouri, where his father served as pastor of the small town's Lutheran Church. After some time spent in Kansas City, the Akers family moved to Kokomo, Indiana (when Pastor was seven years old) where he spent the remainder of his childhood and early adulthood. Pastor was home schooled until high school (along with his two siblings), and then attended all four years of high school at Taylor High School. There, he was the captain of the varsity soccer team, a member of the Academic Super Bowl (including captain of the state runner-up math squad his senior year), and the robotics team programmer. He also was a member of Key Club, which Amber helped to start!

More on that later.

Pastor earned a scholarship to Concordia University Chicago and was offered the opportunity to play collegiate soccer but turned it down to attend Indiana University—Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI) to study informatics, an applied computer science program which CUC did not offer. Pastor Akers was there for a year but moved to Indiana University at Kokomo for his second year. Following his third year of college, he recognized that God was calling him in a different direction and switched to an online program at Colorado Christian University in Biblical Studies. After graduation from Colorado Christian, the Akers (having married during their second year of college) moved to St. Louis where Pastor started Seminary. Pastor was in the right place: His father, grandfather, and great grandfather were all pastors—and they are even distantly related to C.F.W. Walther (first president of the LCMS)!

Pastor served his vicarage year in Buffalo, New York. During that year he had the opportunity to learn more about being a pastor through practical experience. It was a time he really valued for helping him to recognize that the Lord was calling him to serve as a sole pastor in a smaller setting. When the seminary placement process began (in the fall of 2019), the Akers told the seminary placement director, "We're up for an adventure." If only they knew what they were in for!

In his leisure time, Pastor loves exploring outdoors and sharing life with his family. He also loves to learn—especially by studying Greek and Hebrew and reading the writings of the Early Church Fathers. He occasionally dabbles in woodworking and has even carved the spoons Amber uses for the coffee she roasts herself. During Lent this year, Pastor made the cross for the church which served as the centerpiece for Good Friday. Family activities include playing board games, hiking, backpacking, and camping.

Amber was born in Orlando, Florida and lived in Tennessee and Texas before settling in Kokomo, Indiana during her early elementary school years—where she spent the rest of her childhood.

High school for Amber was a busy and special time. She started a student service organization called Key Club (youth branch of Kiwanis Club) whose core values are leadership, character building, caring, and inclusiveness. She spent her free periods at school working with special needs students in their gym class and as a tutor. Amber started a small Bible study that would meet weekly at the local Starbucks, and also attended daily Christian fellowship every morning where those attending prayed for each other. This group met before daily for prayer before classes started. In addition, Amber organized a food pantry and clothing bank. Amber's other activities included being on the varsity softball team, bowling team, show choir/dance, as well as in the marching band's color guard, and participating in school plays. Somehow, Amber also managed to work two part-time jobs: One at a local water park in the concession stand during the summer, and another year-round at Outback Steakhouse. Following high school, having already completed a nursing assistant course, Amber entered the nursing program at IUPUI.

Currently, Amber stays very busy as wife and mother of their home. In addition to home schooling both Matthew (finishing 2nd grade) and Elizabeth (finishing 1st grade), she also works several afternoons a week in the behavioral health field helping physically and mentally challenged adults to be more independent. Amber is currently studying for a degree in Psychology: Clinical Counseling and carrying a 4.0 GPA. She stopped college after marriage to concentrate on marriage and family—always intending to complete her education at a later date. Interests for Amber include reading, music, crafting, nature, roasting her own coffee, crocheting, and biblical discussions.

Amber attended two high schools: She did 9th-10th grades at Kokomo High and 11th-12th grades at Taylor High. In her sophomore year, she began attending weekly youth group at her friend's church. For her junior year of high school, Amber transferred to Taylor High, smaller in size than Kokomo High. There she saw a young man she recognized from the youth group, Ben Akers—now called Pastor at LCR! Amber and Pastor became best friends: They were not dating as they both held to the belief that dating was for the purpose of determining interest in marrying and neither was thinking in those terms yet. (They started dating during their senior year in high school.) As best friends, Amber and Pastor were in many of the same groups. They were both passionate for God while in high school, and this drew them together.

Matthew (who prefers to NOT be called Matt) is eight-years old. Matthew is an energetic character and can always be counted on for a helping hand or a silly time! Matthew LOVES reading and has tried his hand at writing a few of his own stories. He enjoys being creative with Legos and general problem solving. Matthew loves music especially hymns. Matthew began practicing piano two years ago, and loves learning to play hymns. Matthew can often be found creating, reading, or riding his bike faster than lightening.

Elizabeth (who prefers to be called Elizabeth) is six years old. Elizabeth is a bright, quick-witted, and silly young lady. Elizabeth loves to do arts and crafts and has an eye for art. She loves to ride her scooter, read, paint, create, and enjoys a good tea party. Elizabeth loves to teach herself hymns on the piano but says she thinks lessons would be too boring right now—she just wants to have fun! Elizabeth can typically be found anywhere there is food or where there is something adorably fluffy or small (bonus points if sparkles and bright colors are involved).

Both Matthew and Elizabeth enjoy school, particularly the history lessons, and listening to their teacher-mommy read. They are less fond of language arts. That being said, they are eagerly waiting for summer where they anticipate lots of hiking and camping—favorites of theirs! Both children are involved in playing soccer through a homeschool recreation league in the area.

June Stewardship

	<u>June 6</u>	<u>June 13</u>	June 20	<u>June 27</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	10:45	10:45	10:45	10:45
	Evan Farr	Allison Farr	Allison Farr	Evan Farr
Worship	8:30	8:30	8;30	8:30
Assistant	Charlie MacPherson	Glenn Carlson	Brian Watson	Charlie MacPherson
	10:45	10:45	10:45	10:45
	Chris Batson	Mark Larsen	Steve Farr	Brad Fitzpatrick
<u>Ushers</u>	8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30
	Rick Drageland	Brian Watson	Jeff Sammons	Glenn Carlson
	10:45	10:45	10:45	10:45
	John Ayotte	Chris Batson	Mo Cote	Glenn Carlson Jr.
<u>Cantor</u>	8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30
	Sharon Conover	Jared Goldsmith	Sharon Conover	Jared Goldsmith
	10:45	10:45	10:45	10:45
	Steve Farr	Fernando Gouvea	Allison Farr	Steve Farr
<u>Greeters</u>	8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30
	Gail Carrano	Akers Family	Sharon Klipp	James Breslin
	10:45	10:45	10:45	10:45
	The Cotes	The Batsons	Dorthy McAllister	The Larsens
Altar Care	Katie Huesers	Joan Drageland	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith
<u>Flowers</u>	The MacPhersons	The MacPhersons	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellowship</u>	Sharon Klipp	Open	Open	Open



Monthly Worship

June 6, 2021 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 130

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15 **Epistle**: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 **Holy Gospel**: Mark 30:20-35

June 13, 2021 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 1

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 **Epistle**: 2 Corinthians 5:1-17) **Holy Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

June 20, 2021 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 124

First Reading: Job 38:1-11 **Epistle**: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 **Holy Gospel**: Mark 4:35-41

June 27, 2021 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 30

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33 **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

Holy Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What unusual thing did the soldiers accompanying Saul to Damascus see and hear?A) they saw nothing unusual, but heard a voice B)

they saw a strange man in glowing raiment but heard nothing (C) they saw both a strange man in glowing raiment and heard a voice (D) they did not see or hear anything unusual

2. What did manna taste like?

A) quail meat B) bitter herbs C) fruity mango D) honey wafers

3. What did Jonathan do that almost cost him his life?

A) he took on the Philistines single-handedly B) he broke his father's oath of fasting and ate honey C) he made love to a prostitute who bore him a son D) he stole money from the Lord's treasury to buy food

4. Who penned the words to this psalm: "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth"?

A) David B) Moses C) the sons of Korah D) anonymous

5. From what city did Paul hail?

A) Lystra B) Tarsus C) Cyprus D) Ephasus

6. Who said this: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"?

A) Joshua B) Moses C) Abraham D) Jacob



- 6/1 Peter Gaug
- 6/2 Lydia Bendas Angie Carlson Sharon Klipp
- 6/7 Mo Cote Krys Paules
- 6/9 Donald Schorr
 Jake Huesers
- 6/11 Katie Huesers
- 6/12 Rev. Robert Fischer
- 6/14 Callum Goldsmith
- 6/16 Sharon Callahan
- 6/17 Amber Akers
- 6/26 Jon Boschen Tiana Thomas
- 6/28 David Gideon



BAPTISM BIRTHDAY

- 6/3 Emily-Lynn Carlson
- 6/4 Eleanor Keefe
- 6/7 Mo Cote
- 6/8 Rev. Ted Evertsen

Bible Quiz Answers

- 1. A (Acts 9:7)
- 2. D (Exodus 16:31)
- 3. B (1 Samuel 14: 24, 27, 43))
- 4. A (Psalm B:1 and attribution)
- 5. B (Acts 21:39)
- 6. A (Joshua 24:15)



- 6/3 Steve & Kari Farr
- 6/10 Rev. Ted & Dottie Evertsen
- 6/11 Anna & Ed Rowe
- 6/15 Brian & Andrea Watson
- 6/18 Mike & Michelle Hein Wayne & Laverne Pelletier
- 6/23 Ray & Ruth Milhous
- 6/29 Jon & Bjorg Boschen



Confirmation

Anniversary

- 6/5 Natalie Crowley
- 6/6 Jeff Sammons
- 6/12 Jon Boschen
- 6/13 Marie Kubeck
- 6/14 Allison Farr

Andrew Farr

Emily-Lynn Carlson

Ethan Carlson

Caden Fitzpatrick

Mia Fitzpatrick

6/19 Cianan Morris

ONE LITTLE CHUCKLE

The Ten Commandments were the subject of Miss Dixie's Sunday school lesson for five and six year olds. After explaining "Honor thy father and thy mother," Miss Dixie asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brother and sister?"

Without missing a beat, little Cindy answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

The Daily Lectionary

A guide to help you be in the Word daily

6/1 Ecclesiastes 9:1-17 / John 9:24-41 6/2 Ecclesiastes 10:1-20 / John 10:1-21 Ecclesiastes 11:1-10 / John 10:22-42 6/3 6/4 Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 / John 11:1-16 6/5 Proverbs 1:8-33 / John 11:17-37 6/6 Proverbs 3:5-24 / John 11:38-57 6/7 Proverbs 4:1-27 / John 12:1-19 6/8 Proverbs 5:1-23 / John 12:20-36 6/9 Proverbs 8:1-21 / John 12:36-50 6/10 Proverbs 8:22-36 / John 13:1-20 6/11 Proverbs 9:1-18 / John 13:21-38 6/12 Proverbs 10:1-23 / John 14:1-17 6/13 Proverbs 13:1-25 / John 14:18-31 6/14 Proverbs 14:1-27 / John 15:1-11 6/15 Proverbs 15:1-29 / John 15:12-27 6/16 Proverbs 16:1-24 / John 16:1-16 6/17 Proverbs 17:1-28 / John 16:17-33 6/18 Proverbs 20:5-25 / John 17:1-26 6/19 Proverbs 22:1-21 / John 18:1-14 6/20 Proverbs 22:22-23:12 / John 18:15-40 6/21 Proverbs 24:1-22 / John 19:1-22 6/22 Proverbs 25:1-22 / John 19:23-42 6/23 Proverbs 27:1-24 / John 20:1-18 6/24 Proverbs 30:1-9,18-33 / John 20:19-31 6/25 Proverbs 31:10-31 / John 21:1-25 6/26 Joshua 1:1-18 / Acts 8:1-25 6/27 Joshua 2:1-24 / Acts 8:26-40 6/28 Joshua 3:1-17 / Acts 9:1-22 6/29 Joshua 4:1-24 / Acts 9:23-43 6/30 Joshua 5:1-6:5 / Acts 10:1-17

(Daily lectionary readings taken from LSB #299-304)

Some helpful habits for home devotions:

- Do one reading in the morning and the other in the evening.
- Keep a journal or make a mental note of one thought that you would like to remember from this reading.
- Read and discuss the daily reading with a family member or friend.
- Choose one verse to commit to memory, reciting it through the day.
- Speak to God in prayer about something from the reading that impressed or confused you in this reading.
- If you miss a day or two (or three) and fall behind, don't worry and don't quit! Either set aside some time to catch up or skip those readings and move on.
- If you're using another reading schedule or guide, stick with it. The important thing is to be in the Word daily.