

OCTOBER 11, 2015
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking⁺ faith home

God's Word is our greatest treasure!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad
Monday	1 Chronicles 29:10-20	Everything belongs to God
Tuesday	Matthew 6:19-24	Don't trust in earthly riches
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6:6-10	Don't put your hope in wealth
Thursday	Psalms 119:97-104	God's words are sweet
Friday	Psalms 119:105-112	Your word is a lamp to my feet
Saturday	Psalms 49:16-20	Seek understanding, not riches
Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to serve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

God's word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined, to the center of our joints and bones. And it judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts. Hebrews 4:12

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, please keep us from putting money and possessions ahead of you and your people. Amen. (Mark 10:21-25)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, help us to share with others that which we receive and give gladly to any who are in need. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's word be at work in you. May the Lord give you strength in times of weakness and mercy in times of need. Amen. (Hebrews 4:12-16)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is your favorite Bible verse or Bible story? What do you like about it?
- How is the Bible different from other books?
- Hebrews 4:12 says that God's word is "alive and working." How have you experienced this to be true?

DEVOTIONS

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is "alive and working." Gather together various versions of the Bible. In your household devotions time this week, look up various verses in each of these Bibles, noting what is similar and what is different. Talk about how to read the Bible and aids that are available to help us do that (commentaries, concordances, etc.). Share your favorite Bible verses with one another.

SERVICE

God's word changes the lives of people of different languages across the world. Find out more about the work of Bible translators, such as those from Lutheran Bible Translators (www.lbt.org), Wycliffe Bible Translators (www.wycliffe.org) or United Bible Societies (www.unitedbiblesocieties.org). Write a letter of encouragement to a Bible translator, organize a fundraiser to support Bible translation, or make a household donation.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Select a Bible to serve as your household Bible. Paste photos of household members on the covers, or decorate with your own drawings of Bible events. Highlight the favorite Bible verses and Bible stories of different household members as well as any wedding, baptism and confirmation texts. Place the Bible in a visible place in your home as a reminder of the central place of God's word in your life together.



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