

Daily Devotionals

Devotional Guide for Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 2025

These devotions are prepared for you each week to use for your own personal devotions with the Lord, and are designed to prepare you for the message next weekend.

Monday, January 27TH “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

Scripture: Psalm 25:1-7 RSV

This Psalm begins with an expression of trust in God. “In you I trust” the Psalmist proclaims. In verses 4 and 5 the Psalmist opens himself up to be taught by God. The Psalmist wants to know God’s way and God’s truth. The Psalmist looks to the Lord to receive God’s mercy that flows from God’s steadfast love. It is because of this that the Psalmist expects that the Lord will not remember his sins; instead the Lord will remember him “for your goodness’ sake.”

Question: How have you experienced God’s steadfast love and faithfulness? Any regret that you need to confess to the Lord today?

Tuesday, January 28TH “Maintain constant love for one another”

Scripture: I Peter 4:7-11 RSV

Peter is addressing the early church that expected the return of Christ in the near future. To assure that they would be ready for that event, Peter tells them to “maintain constant love for one another.” We are to do this because we are stewards of God’s grace. The umbrella he uses for this way of being together is that of hospitality. Christian hospitality is expressed in service. Whatever we say or do in the church should be an expression of God’s grace.

Question: Think of what you said or did in the church this past week; was it an expression of God’s grace?

Wednesday, January 29TH “The sheep from the goats”

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 RSV

This is a long passage, but a familiar one concerning the last judgment when God divides the sheep from the goats. What I want us to notice is that the judgment is based on how we respond to those who are in need: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the incarcerated. When we meet the needs of those who are needy, we are doing more than reaching out to other people; we are doing something for Jesus.

Question: How did you express your love for Jesus in recent days?

Thursday, January 30TH

“One Body, Many Parts”

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 RSV

An orchestra had gathered to rehearse with the famous conductor, Sir Michael Costa. As the music reached a crescendo, every instrument was being played – except for the piccolo player who got distracted and lost his place. Suddenly, Costa brought down his arms and silenced the orchestra. “Where is the piccolo?” he asked. To a skilled conductor, every instrument is important. Just so, everyone in the church is important and has a part to play.

Question: What part in the church do you play?

Friday, January 31ST “God’s Love Endures Forever”

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-4 RSV

The Psalm begins with praise for God who is good. The repetition of “His steadfast love endures forever” emphasis on the point and enhances the praise. God’s love is eternal; God’s love is without limit. We can absolutely depend upon God’s faithfulness.

Question: What does God’s eternal love mean in your life?

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Worship time of 10:00 am (Livestream @10:00 am)

1 John 4:7-12 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 RSV

Pastor Dick Markle’s message: “It’s About Love”