

## OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

For the Second-Last Week of the Church Year  
(November 15–21, 2020)

*Use as much as you are able, or as your family size/ages dictate.*

### Bible Stories for the Home (especially for children)

Day	Bible Story
Monday	Paul's Third Missionary Journey, pt 1
Tuesday	Paul's Third Missionary Journey, pt 2
Wednesday	Paul, The Prisoner
Thursday	
Friday	Paul is Taken to Rome
Saturday	

### Bible Reading For the Week (especially for adults)

Day	First Reading	Second Reading
Monday	1 Peter 1:1-12	Zephaniah 3:9-20
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:13-2:10	Isaiah 34:1-17
Wednesday	1 Peter 4:1-7	Isaiah 35:1-10
Thursday	1 Peter 4:12-19	Isaiah 54:1-17
Friday	2 Peter 1:1-15	Isaiah 60:7-22
Saturday	2 Peter 2:1-22	Isaiah 62:1-12

**Psalm For This Week:** Psalm 50

**Devotions From Laache's Book of Family Prayer** (for age 18 & up)  
Devotions #452–459 (pp. 705–716)

### In Our Prayers at Christ Lutheran:

Pray for those who are sick or in prison.

Pray for willingness to serve.

Pray for missionaries as they bring God's Word to others.

**Hymn Verse For This Week** (TLH #611 v. 7):

O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on the way  
In fear and tribulation.  
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;  
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free  
From every evil! Amen.

### **SMALL CATECHISM FOR THE SECOND-LAST WEEK OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

(RELATED TO THE GOSPEL OF THE DAY)

*Say this as part of your personal or family devotions.*

*Use these words to form prayers both thanking God and asking for His grace.*

### The Second Article

**I believe Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who...is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

*What does the Bible teach about Jesus' second coming?*

The Bible teaches that on the last day Jesus will visibly return in glory to judge the living and the dead.

The Bible rejects the false teaching of Millennialism which states that Christ, either before or after He comes again, will establish a kingdom of glory and peace here on this earth for a period of 1000 years. Revelation 20 is a figurative description of the Church in New Testament times.

*What does Jesus say about the time of His second coming?*

Jesus says that no one knows the exact moment of His return, but He has given us certain signs which indicate He may return at any time.

*What are some of the signs Jesus has given us which point to His second coming?*

Signs that point to Jesus' return at any time include:

the preaching of the Gospel for a witness to all nations,  
increasing ungodliness in the world,  
the rise of false prophets and false christs,  
wars and rumors of wars, and  
disasters in the realm of nature

*(Questions 169–171 from the 2001 ELS Catechism)*

