

JUNE

Week 1:

“For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace.” - Romans 3:23

Week 2:

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.” - Romans 4:25

Week 3:

“God demonstrates his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8

Week 4:

Jesus said: “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.” - Matthew 10:32

Week 5:

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mark 10:45

JULY

Week 1:

Jesus says: “Come to me, you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Matthew 11:28

Week 2:

“Peace I give to you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.” - John 14:27

Week 3:

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed in us.” - Romans 8:18

Week 4:

“We know that God works all things together for God for those who love him and are called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28

AUGUST

Week 1:

“For I am convinced, that neither death nor life, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:38

Week 2:

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, scorned its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” - Hebrews 12:2

Week 3:

Jesus said: “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never thirst.” - John 6:35

Week 4:

“Therefore, I urge you, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual act of worship.” - Romans 12:1

Week 5:

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mark 8:34

SEPTEMBER

Week 1:

Jesus said: “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens, you have won your brother over.” - Matthew 18:15

Week 2:

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ forgave you.” - Ephesians 4:32

Week 3:

Jesus said: “‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ And with that he breathed on them the Holy Spirit and said, ‘If you forgive anyone their sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’” - John 20:20

Week 4:

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” - Philippians 2:5-8

OCTOBER

Week 1:

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” - Galatians 2:20

Week 2:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your minds in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:6

Week 3:

“The Lord says: ‘I am the First and the Last, apart from me there is no God.’” - Isaiah 44:6

Week 4:

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” - Ephesians 2:8

NOVEMBER

Week 1:

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.” - Revelation 5:9

Week 2:

“Because I live, you also will live.” - John 14:19

“What do I say?” is a question many ask when an opportunity arises to give witness to the Gospel. Anxiety often centers around the amount of Scripture one has at one’s fingertips. In Deuteronomy 11 our Lord called on His people to “lay up these words of Mine in your heart.” In Colossians 4 St. Paul writes: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

As part our Lutheran Church–Canada emphasis on personal witnessing, this guide is designed to help you each week to memorize a key Scripture passages so that you can be better prepared “to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15).

These passage are drawn from the lessons read in our churches on Sunday mornings. However, because there is a three-year cycle of readings, they may not match the readings for this particular year.

To “learn by heart” the weekly verse, simply take a few minutes each day to:

- **Read** the passage out loud.
- **Write** the passage out by hand.
- **Speak** the verse out loud without looking at the words.

It also would be helpful to work with a “buddy”. Your family as a whole, your spouse or a Christian friend could be excellent choices.

For other helps for witnessing in the course of your daily callings, enroll online at www.lutheranchurch.ca/community.



Week 3:

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” - Colossians 3:1

Week 4:

“For as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the household of faith.” - Galatians 6:10

Week 5:

“Jesus is the same—yesterday, today, and forever.” - Hebrews 13:8

DECEMBER

Week 1:

“Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children.” - Acts 2:38

Week 2:

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16

Week 3:

“And this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The Virgin will give birth to a son, and they will call him “Immanuel”—which means ‘God with us.’” - Matthew 1:23

Week 4:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:1,14

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for faith and witness