



KEEPING A HOLY LIFE

7th Sunday after Pentecost – July 24, 2022

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

Monday, July 25

Esther 5:1-14

Colossians 2:16—3:1

Psalm 55:16-23

Thursday, July 28

Proverbs 23:1-11

Romans 11:33-36

Psalm 49:1-12

Tuesday, July 26

Esther 6:1—7:6

Romans 9:30 —10:4

Psalm 55:16-23

Friday, July 29

Proverbs 24:1-12

Ephesians 4:17-24

Psalm 49:1-12

Wednesday, July 27

Esther 7:7—8:17

Matthew 5:43-48

Psalm 55:16-23

Saturday, July 30

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Mark 10:17-22

Psalm 49:1-12

Prayer of the Day – Heavenly Father, You wait with love and delight for us to open our hearts and lives to You in prayer. Lavish us with Your presence; teach us to call upon You at all times to praise, thanksgiving, and need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

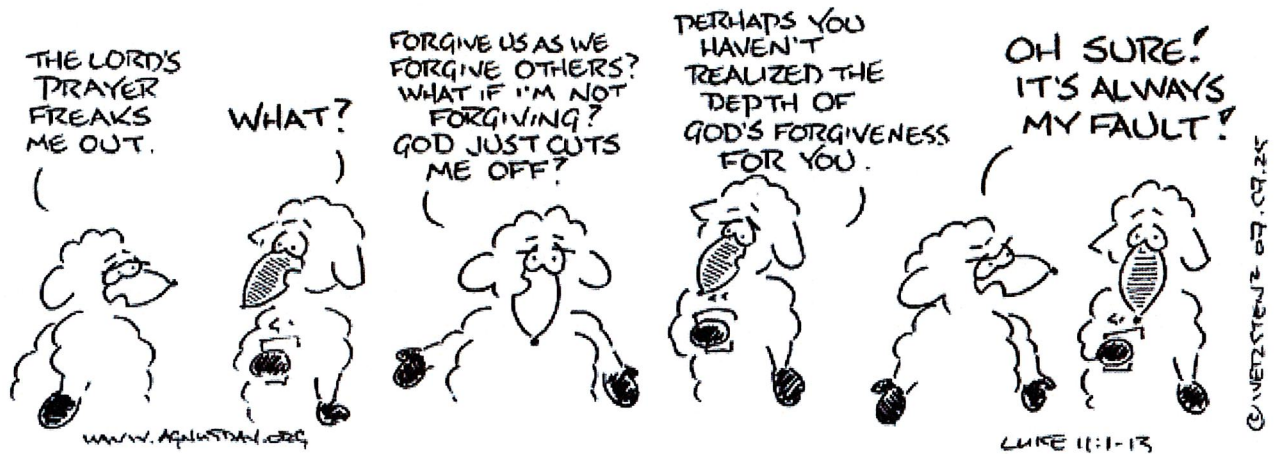
Readings for next Sunday: 8th Sunday after Pentecost – July 31, 2022

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Psalm 100

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21



Listening for the Promise
Weekly Devotional
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12) – July 24, 2022
"Give us each day our daily bread." - Luke 11:3

Both my husband and I have Scandinavian heritage, so we enjoy decorating our home with various pieces of folk art from those countries, most especially Denmark and Norway. Much of the artwork includes phrases from the table prayers and the Lord's Prayer. Many Scandinavian homes include the phrase "Giv os i dag vort daglige brød." Translated into English: Give us this day our daily bread. Many homes have this hanging up in kitchens. It makes sense. Bread is food. The kitchen is where the food is prepared. So it's a good fit. This week piggybacks nicely on last week's devotion about the sisters Mary and Martha of Bethany. Last week we heard the need to stop, take a break, and rest in God's Word. We find when we do so, our worries become less because we trust God more. And this fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer address that very notion. Give us this day our daily bread. It's not just about bread. It's about everything we need to survive in this life. Martin Luther addresses this petition in two ways: first, he gives a simple explanation of its meaning; then, he goes into further detail explaining what is meant by daily bread. Luther writes: "God indeed gives daily bread to all, even unbelievers, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that he would help us to recognize this so that we would receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything required to meet our earthly needs, such as food, drink, clothing, home, property, employment, necessities; devout parents, children, and communities; honest and faithful authorities, good government, seasonable weather, peace, health, an orderly society, a good reputation, true friends and neighbors, and the like." This life is full of things to worry about. Worrying is endless. And it's exhausting! But we ought not to worry. And we all know that's easier said than done. Not only does God provide believers with "daily bread," he gives "daily bread" to unbelievers, too – without our prayer! This petition shows God that we know we need him for everything in this earthly life. And when we can recognize that and acknowledge our need, then we can begin to have thankful hearts, hearts filled with gratitude.....

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