

12 Luke 11:37-54; Genesis 4:1-16; 2 Chronicles 24:17-22; Acts 13; Romans 2

Brightly beams our Father's mercy from His lighthouse evermore. But to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore. Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave! For to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore. Lo, the night of sin has settled, loud the angry billows roar; eager eyes are watching, longing, for the lights along the shore. Trim your feeble lamp, my brother, some poor sailor tempest tossed, trying now to make the harbor, in the darkness may be lost. (Worship in Song, No. 355)

13 Luke 12:1-12; Acts 6:8-7:60

14 Luke 12:13-34; Ecclesiastes 5:10; Isaiah 57:14-21; Ephesians 5:1-20

15 Luke 12:33-48; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-16

16 Luke 12:49-53; Mark 10:28-31; 13:3-13; Matthew 10:17-42

17 Luke 12:54-59; Matthew 16:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 3; 1 John 2:18-27

18 Luke 13:1-9; Isaiah 5:1-10; John 15:1-17

19 Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 4:23-25; 12:1-14; Luke 13:10-35

There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold; but one was out on the hills far away, far away from the gates of gold—away on the mountain, wild and bare; away from the tender's Shepherd's care. "Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine; are they not enough for Thee?" But, the Shepard made answer: "This, of Mine, has wandered away from Me. And although the road be rough and steep, I'll go to the desert to find my sheep." And all through the mountains thunder driven, and up through the rocky steep, there arose a glad cry to the gates of Heaven," Rejoice! I have found my sheep!" (Elizabeth Clephane, 1868)

20 Luke 14:1-24; Matthew 22:1-14; Zachariah 3

21 Luke 14:25-35; Philippians 3:7-4:1

22 Luke 15; Proverbs 20:9; 21:17, 25, 26; 22:6; Psalm 51; Hebrews 12:4-13

23 Luke 16:1-18; 12:33-34; Matthew 6:19-34

24 Luke 16:19-31; 6:17-26; Matthew 25:31-46

25 Luke 17:1-10; Matthew 6:9-15; 18:21-35

26 Luke 17:11-19; Leviticus 13:29-37; Matthew 10:5-8; Acts 14:8-10; James 5:13-16

My Father is rich in houses and lands; He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full—He hath riches untold. My Father's own Son, the Savior of men, once wandered o'er earth as the poorest of them; but now He is reigning forever on high, and will give me a home in heaven by and by. A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there! Though exiled from home, yet still I may sing: "All glory to God, I'm a child of the King!" (Worship in Song, No. 377)

27 Luke 17:20-37; Genesis 7:6-24; 19:1-28; 1 Thessalonians 1-2; Revelation 6:15-17

28 Deuteronomy 14:28-29; Isaiah 1:16-17; Luke 18:1-8; Isaiah 58

29 Luke 18:9-14; Matthew 18:1-14; 23:1-12; 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Proverbs 22:6

30 Luke 18:15-17; 1 Peter 2:2; 1 John 2:28-3:10

31 Luke 18:18-30; Exodus 20:1-17; Job 34:16-19; 1 Peter 1:3-9



First Cup Readings

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Let the morning bring me word
of your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.

-Psalm 143:8

Dear Family in Christ,

First Cup is designed to assist you in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. The name is to remind you that as you reach for your first cup of morning coffee or tea, reach also for your Bible and prayer list. The prayers at the beginning of each week are taken from hymns, sometimes found in obscure hymnals in my library. They are intended to be read as your beginning prayer, to focus your mind on the daily readings that follow. May this spiritual discipline strengthen you as you face each day.

Blessings and love in Christ,
Sandy Sturch & Claire Averyt

I know a name, a beautiful name that angels brought down to earth; they whispered it low, one night long ago, to a maiden of lowly birth. I know a name, a beautiful name that unto a Babe was given, the stars glittered bright throughout that night, and angels praised God in heaven. I love that blest name, that wonderful name, made higher than all in heaven. 'Twas whispered, I know, in my heart long ago; that matchless name is Jesus! (Worship in Song, No. 118)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Luke 1:1-25; John 1:1-34
- 2 Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-56; Genesis 17:19; Psalm 132:11-18; Galatians 3:16
- 3 Luke 2:1-20; Colossians 1:15-23; Isaiah 43:1-3; 45:22
- 4 Leviticus 12; Luke 2:21-40; Isaiah 42:1-9; 8:13-17; John 10:11; Psalm 23
- 5 Micah 5:1-5; Matthew 2
- 6 Luke 2:41-52; Proverbs 3:1-6
- 7 Luke 3:1-22; Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:1-11; 16:15-16; Acts 1:5, 2:38-41

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin; like sunshine at noon-day His glory shone in; No darkness have we who in Jesus abide; We walk in the Light when we follow our Guide. Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes, Go, wash at His bidding, and light will arise. Come to the Light; 'tis shining for thee. Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me. Once I was blind, but now I can see, the Light of the world is Jesus. (Worship in Song, No. 96)

- 8 Luke 3:23-4:13; Hebrews 2:10-18; 4:14-16; 1 Peter 5:5-10
- 9 Isaiah 40:1-11; 52:7; 58; 61:1-3; Luke 4:14-21
- 10 Luke 4:22-30; John 1:9-14; 15:18-16:15
- 11 Luke 4:31-37; Isaiah 14:12-15; Luke 10:18; James 2:19; John 12:27-50
- 12 Luke 4:38-44; Psalm 103
- 13 Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 10:34-39; 16:24-28; 19:16-30
- 14 Numbers 12; 2 Kings 5; 2 Chronicles 26; Luke 5:12-26; Psalm 147:3

Oh young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee, Thy life is still a summons to serve humanity; to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd; to stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed. Oh young and fearless Prophet, we need Thy presence here, amid our pride and glory to see Thy face appear; once more to hear Thy challenge above our noisy day, again to lead us forward along God's holy way. (The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 444)

- 15 Luke 5:27-32; 1 Corinthians 5; 1 John 3:1-10
- 16 Luke 5:33-39; Leviticus 16:29-31; Joel 2:12-14; Nehemiah 9:1-3; Matthew 6:16-18
- 17 Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 16; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Matthew 5:17-20; Luke 6:1-11
- 18 Psalm 7; Luke 6:12-36; Proverbs 16:7; Romans 12:17-21

19 Luke 6:37-45; Romans 2; 14; James 4:11-12; Matthew 18:15-35

20 Luke 6:46-49; James 2:14-26; John 15:1-17

21 1 Kings 17; 2 Kings 4:1-37; Luke 7:1-10; Jeremiah 32:17-27; Psalm 107:20-22

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear, things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here: Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea—stories of Jesus, tell them to me. First let me hear how the children stood round His knee; And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me: Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love-light of Jesus' face. Tell me in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea, tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee; and how the Master, ready and kind, chided the billows, and hushed the winds. (Worship in Song, No. 116)

22 Luke 7:11-35; 1 Kings 17; Luke 9:18-19

23 Psalm 38; Luke 7:36-50; Psalm 32

24 Luke 8:1-18; Psalm 119:1-16; 89-112; James 1:22-25

25 Psalm 119:33-88; Luke 8:19-21; John 14:15-21

26 Luke 8:22-25; 2 Samuel 22; Jonah 2; Psalm 3:5; 4:8; 73:23-26

27 Deuteronomy 18:9-13; Psalm 106; Luke 8:26-39; James 4:7

28 Luke 8:40-48; Leviticus 15:25-27; Mark 3:10; 6:56; Luke 8:49-55; Hebrews 11:6

It may not be on the mountain height, or over the stormy sea; It may not be at the battle's front my Lord will have need of me; but if by a still, small voice He calls to paths that I do not know, I'll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine, "I'll go where you want me to go." Perhaps today there are loving words which Jesus would have me speak; there may be now, in the paths of sin, some wanderer whom I should seek. O Savior, if Thou wilt be my Guide, tho' dark and rugged the way, my voice shall echo the message sweet, I'll say what you want me to say. (Worship in Song, No. 354)

29 Luke 9:1-9; Matthew 14:1-12; 17:9-13; Matthew 10:17-31

30 Exodus 16; Luke 9:10-17; Mark 11:22-25; Proverbs 30:7-9; John 6:48-51

OCTOBER

1 Luke 9:18-27; Matthew 10:32-33; 16:24-28; Philippians 1

2 Luke 9:28-36; Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:16-17; 5:17; 2 Peter 1; Psalm 119:105

3 Luke 9:37-45; Mark 9:14-29; Matthew 21:21-22; James 5:15-16

4 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 9:46-62; Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 10:17-31; Matthew 6:33

5 Luke 10:1-24; Matthew 4:10; Revelation 9:1-11; 12:7-12; 13:5-10; Daniel 12:1-4

Out in the highways and byways of life, many are weary and sad. Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife, making the sorrowing glad. Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love; tell of His power to forgive. Others will trust Him if only you prove true every moment you live. Give as 'twas given to you in your need; love as the Master loved you. Be to the helpless a helper indeed; unto your mission be true. Make me a blessing—make me a blessing! Out of my life may Jesus shine. Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray. Make me a blessing to someone today. (Worship in Song, No. 342)

6 Luke 10:25-37 Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 10:5-7; 19:16-30

7 Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 6:25-34; Romans 12:1-13; Psalm 27:4; 119:97-112

8 Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 26:31-46; 69-75; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

9 Luke 11:14-28; 2 Peter 2; Hebrews 6:4-6

10 Luke 11:29-32; Jonah 3; 2 Chronicles 9:1-12; Matthew 12:38-45; John 3:18-21

11 Luke 11:33-36; Psalm 101; Psalm 18:25-29; Titus 1:15-16