

- 8 Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 22:6; 29:17; Ephesians 6:1-9; Matthew 18:1-10  
 9 Isaiah 59; Ephesians 6:10-23; 1 Peter 5:8-11  
 10 John 17; 1 Corinthians 1:1-17; Galatians 5:16-26; James 3:13-18  
 11 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5; Isaiah 29:13-14; Psalm 111:10; Colossians 1:9-14  
 12 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; John 14:15-31; Romans 16:25-27  
 13 1 Corinthians 3; Hebrews 5:11-6:3; Luke 6:46-49  
 14 1 Corinthians 4; Luke 12:42-48; Hebrews 3:1-6; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

*Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin. Each victory will help you some other to win. Fight manfully onward; dark passions subdue, look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through. To him that o'er cometh, God giveth a crown. Through faith we shall conquer, tho' often cast down. He, who is our Savior, our strength will renew. Look ever to Jesus: He will carry you through. Ask the Savior to help you, comfort, strengthen and keep you. He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through. (Worship in Song, #436)*

- 15 1 Corinthians 5; Leviticus 18; 1Thessalonians 4:1-12; Ephesians 5:1-17  
 16 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Matthew 18:15-20; Jude 4-25; Revelation 20:11-15  
 17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Romans 6; 1 Peter 1:13-23; Galatians 5:16-25  
 18 1 Corinthians 7; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 3:1-7  
 19 1 Corinthians 8; Isaiah 44:9-20; Romans 14:1-8; Psalm 135:15-21  
 20 1 Corinthians 9; Philippians 4:10-20; Luke 10:1-23  
 21 Exodus 16:1-17:7; 32; Hebrews 2; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; James 1:12-15

*Behold the amazing gift of love the Father hath bestowed on us, the sinful sons of men, to call us sons of God! Concealed as yet, this honor lies, by this dark world unknown, a world that knew not when He came, even God's eternal Son. Our souls, we know, when He appears, shall bare His image bright: for all His glory, full disclosed, shall open to our sight. A hope so great, and so divine, may trials well endure; And purge the soul from sense and sin, as Christ Himself is pure. (The Hymnbook, # 120)*

- 22 Deuteronomy 32:16-21; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1  
 23 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1; Romans 14:1-15:13; 1 Timothy 4:4-8  
 24 Exodus 12:1-28; Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:2-34; Colossians 3:1-17  
 25 Acts 1:6-8; Romans 1:11; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 4:1-7; Romans 12  
 26 1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 3; Matthew 5:43-48  
 27 Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 16:14-20; 1 Corinthians 14; 1 John 4:1-6; Eph 4:8-16  
 28 Matthew 27:57-28:20; John 20:19-31; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Acts 22:2b-21

*Jesus lives, and so shall I! Death, thy sting is gone forever! He for me hath designed to die; Lives the bands of death to sever. He shall raise me from the dust; Jesus is my hope and trust. Jesus lives and by His grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving, I will change my heart and ways. Ever to His glory living. Me He raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust. None of all His saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust! (Christian Gellert, 1715-1769)*

- 29 1 Corinthians 15:12-34; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Micah 4:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
 30 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; Genesis 1:1-2:3; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Philippians 3:7-11



## *First Cup Readings*

May – June 2014



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

## MAY

- 1 Isaiah 53; John 1:24-34; Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 32
- 2 Acts 9:1-31; Galatians 1:11-21; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 3 Acts 9:32-43; John 1:43-51; 5:19-27; 14:8-14; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship, should set His love upon the sons of men. Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers to bring them back. I know not how or when. I cannot tell how He will win the nations, how He will claim His earthly heritage, how satisfy the needs and aspirations of East and West, of sinner and sage. But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted, stays our sins and calms our lurking fear, and lifts the burdens from the heavy laden. For yet, the Savior, the Savior of the world is here! (William Young Fullerton-1857-1932)*

- 4 Acts 10:1-11:18; Romans 14:1-4; Colossians 3:12-14
- 5 Acts 11:19-30; Romans 15:14-33; 1 Peter 5:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
- 6 Hebrews 1:14; Genesis 19:1-26; 32:1-2; Psalm 91:9-12; Acts 12:1-19a
- 7 Acts 12:19b-24; 1 Samuel 25:1-39a; Job 34; Psalm 2
- 8 Acts 12:25-13:52; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; 2 Corinthians 2:14-17
- 9 Acts 14; Matthew 10:5-42; Acts 9:15-16
- 10 Acts 15:1-35; Romans 12:18; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

*Come into my heart, O Lord Jesus, come into my heart I pray. My soul is so troubled and weary, come into my heart today. Come into my heart, O Lord Jesus, I need Thee through life's dreary way. The burden of sin is so heavy, come into my heart to stay. Come into my heart, O Lord Jesus. Now cleanse and illumine my soul; fill me with Thy wonderful Spirit, come in and take full control. (The Baptist Hymnal, 2008, #418)*

- 11 Acts 15:36- 16:5; Romans 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8; Colossians 3:12-17; Eph 4:1-3
- 12 Acts 16:6-15; Galatians 3:26-29; Revelation 3:20; Romans 1:14-17
- 13 Acts 16:16-40; Mark 1:21-28; Psalm 42:8-11; 32:7; 1 Peter 2:19-25
- 14 Acts 17:1-15; Deuteronomy 29:29; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17
- 15 Acts 17:16-34; 2 Kings 17:1-15; Isaiah 42:8; 1 John 5:19-21
- 16 Acts 18; Titus 3:1-11; Romans 12:9-21
- 17 Acts 19; Romans 1:18-32; Ephesians 2

*"Almost persuaded" now to believe: "Almost persuaded" Christ to receive. Seems now some soul to say, "Go, Spirit, go Thy way. Some more convenient day on Thee I'll call. "Almost persuaded" come, come today. "Almost persuaded" turn not away. Jesus invites you here; Angels are lingering near; Prayers rise from hearts so*

*dear. O wanderer, come! "Almost persuaded", harvest is past! "Almost persuaded" doom comes at last! "Almost" cannot avail; "Almost" is but to fail! Sad, sad that bitter wail, "Almost", but lost! (Worship in song, # 233)*

- 18 Acts 20: Ephesians 6:10-20; Romans 15:13; 2 Peter 2:1-10; Revelation 2
- 19 Acts 21:1-26; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 15:18-16:4; Philippians 1:21-30
- 20 Acts 21:27-22:29; Psalm 109; 2 Timothy 2:8-13
- 21 Acts 25:23-26:32; Psalm 7; Psalm 119:41-48
- 22 Acts 27-28:10; Psalm 69
- 23 Acts 28:11-31; 2 Corinthians 11:21b-12:10; Romans 5:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:8-2:13
- 24 Acts 9:10-16; Galatians 1; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 15:1-19; Romans 1:16-17

*Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sins and our guilt,; Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe: You who are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive? Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin. (Baptist Hymnal, # 200)*

- 25 Galatians 2; Acts 9:16; Philippians 3:1-16
- 26 Galatians 3:1-14; Romans 4; John 8:31-59
- 27 Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:15-4:7; Ephesians 1:3-14
- 28 Genesis 16:1-4; 17:1-27; Galatians 4:8-31
- 29 Galatians 5; Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17
- 30 Galatians 6; Romans 6:19-23; 8:1-17
- 31 Ephesians 1:1-14; 1 Peter 1

*I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode. The Church our blessed Redeemer saved with His own precious blood. I love Thy Church, Oh, God! Her walls before Thee stand, dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand. Beyond my highest joy, I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise. Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of Heaven! (Worship in Song, #311)*

## JUNE

- 1 Ephesians 1:15-23; Colossians 1
- 2 Ephesians 2:1-10; Romans 5
- 3 Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17; 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
- 4 Ephesians 3; Acts 9:15-16; Romans 3:9-31; 11
- 5 Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12:1-8
- 6 1 Colossians 3:1-17; Ephesians 5:1-20; 1 John 1:5-2:11
- 7 Genesis 2:19-25; Matthew 5:27-32; 19:3-12; Ephesians 5:21-33

*"Called unto holiness" church of our God, purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood; Called from the world and its idols to flee, called from the bondage of sin to be free. "Called unto Holiness" children of light, walking with Jesus in garments of white; raiment unsullied or tarnished with sin; God's Holy Spirit abiding within. "Called unto holiness" praise His dear name! This blessed secret to faith now made plain. Not our own righteousness, but Christ within, living and reigning and saving from sin. (Worship in Song, # 290)*