



**DAILY BREAD  
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS  
PENTECOST 8—YEAR C**

**INVOCATION**

**L:** In the name of the Father  
and of the Son +  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**G: Amen**

**PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 25**

**A: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul;  
in you I trust, my God.**

**L:** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;

**G: in you I trust, O my God.**

**L:** Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,

**G: for they are from of old.**

**L:** Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
rebellious ways;

**G: according to your love remember me,  
for you are good, O LORD.**

**L:** Turn to me and be gracious to me,

**G: for I am lonely and afflicted.**

**L:** Look upon my affliction and my distress

**G: and take away all my sins.**

**L:** Guard my life and rescue me,

**G: for I take refuge in you.**

**A: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul;  
in you I trust, my God.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us  
the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to  
receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith  
and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**READING & MEDITATION** *see next page*

**PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**A: The Word is very near you; it is in your  
mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.  
(Deuteronomy 30:14 cf. NIV)**

**BENEDICTION**

**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**A: Amen**

## READING AND MEDITATION:

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:** The believer loves his neighbor. We have every reason to love him. We know what we were when God found us; we know the love and mercy he poured out on us. Christ, the compassion of God, has treated our spiritual wounds and paid for our healing with his own blood. As we have known his goodness, let us do good to all. As our Prayer of the Day reminds us: The word is planted in our hearts, and now we ask the Holy Spirit to bring forth such fruits of faith as loving our neighbor for the sake of Christ.

**As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:**

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

## THE GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus connects love for God with love for our neighbors. Just as God has had compassion on us, so we are to have compassion on others, especially those in need. This love for others, even for our enemies, grows from the Word of the Lord rooted in our hearts and mouths.

*My takeaways:*

## FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

How abundantly has the Lord loved his people and blessed them with bountiful gifts for heart and mouth, soul and body. This Word of salvation is abundantly clear and fills our hearts and mouths. With such abundance, the life of faith responds in generosity towards others in need.

*My takeaways:*

## SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

This lesson begins a series of three readings from Paul's letter to the congregation at Colosse. Spirit-worked appreciation for what has been given to them in Christ Jesus has led the Colossians to bear fruits of faith and love for the benefit of God's kingdom. Paul's prayer is that this work of the Spirit continues, not only in the hearts of the Colossians, but also in hearts of believers today. Rescued from darkness, we too know and embody the love of Christ, bearing fruit in every good work done for the love of our neighbor.

*My takeaways:*

## SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 24:17-22

The Lord commands the Israelites to remember those in need by reminding them that they were once slaves in Egypt. Crying out in need, the Lord answered Israel's prayer and provided for their salvation. God's love for us is always the reason and motivation for our acts of love toward our neighbor.

*My takeaways:*

## SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 12:9-21

Paul calls on the believer to live the life of faith in joyful response to the Lord's goodness. This means shunning what is evil and embracing what is good. Loving our neighbor means embodying the love of Christ: being humble, brotherly, hospitable, peaceable. Sharing with those in need, especially the enemy, embodies the love Christ had for us. This, then, is truly showing love to our neighbor and doing good to all.

*My takeaways:*

***What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?***