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Ephphatha, Be Opened



## What Can You Give This Christmas?

Christmas is the celebration of the giving of a gift — the greatest gift of all times — God's giving His only Son to you, to me, to all people of every age and time. The Child of Bethlehem and Nazareth is none other than God Himself — He was and is *The Gift*.

Since Christmas commemorates the giving of that Gift, the question is the right one, "What can you and I give this Christmas?"

The Christian answers, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated [holy, offered, set aside], Lord, to Thee."

Yet the Christian giving his life is sometimes done only with words. He forgets to *do* what he says.

Then let's now do something! What can you give this Christmas?

"The following is a checklist of gifts that may escape your attention . . . of things to give the people you do not know . . . a gathering of items priceless in value that costs you nothing: *The gift of brotherhood* to those discriminated against.

**The gift of friendly greeting** to strangers.

The gift of blood to strengthen those in need.

The gift of patience and love for those who may have opinions differing from yours.

*The gift of moderation* in speech and good example in conduct.

*The gift of comfort* for those in distress.

The gift of good citizenship to your community.

**The gift of understanding** and happy homelife for your children.

The gift of wholehearted response to your duties as a family member, as a worshiper at church, as an employee or employer, and as a citizen of this free country.

The gift of daily thanks to God, from whom all blessings flow."

These and many more are gifts you can give this Christmas!

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# Senator Sees It-Then Tells It

## Christian Social Welfare In Focus — December

A Lutheran Senator from South Carolina recently testified before a select committee of the U.S. Congress. And shook the walls on Capitol Hill.

"You did in one day," Assistant Majority Leader Edward Kennedy told him, "what Bobby tried to do in a year and a half."

And columnist Carl Rowen described the Southern legislator as staking "an impressive claim to a senatorial badge of courage" through "one magnificent statement."

"With each reading," the syndicated columnist wrote, "I became more impressed with the guts and humanity of the man."

"The man" they were applauding was Sen. Ernest F. Hollings (D-S. C.), a member of the executive council of the Lutheran Church in America. What the South Carolina Congressman had done was simply to tell the Senate's Committee on Nutrition and Human Need what he had found on a 10-day tour of impoverished areas in his state.

The findings weren't exactly news. What made them so effective this time was that the "reporter" was a highly respected legislator from one of the most "southern" of the Southern states.

Sen. Hollings courageously told the committee that when he was governor of South Carolina, he had gone along with the "public policy of covering up the problem of hunger" so as to attract new industry to the state.

However, just returned from his fact-finding tour, he acknowledged that he did indeed find hunger in South Carolina. He had seen it with his own eyes.

He mentioned the 177 children examined in Beaufort County, 98 of whom were trying to stay alive on only 800 calories a day. An amount so small that Dr. James Carter, Vanderbilt University pediatrician, said it was "not enough to support the child — and barely enough to support the worms" with which the children were afflicted.

The Senator referred to the apparent mental retardation of the children resulting from malnutrition.

The South Carolina Lutheran told the committee a lot more. Facts that have been reported before, but which many regarded as merely the biased opinions of "left-wing" reporters, social workers, or politicians from the North.

However, coming from a Southern legislator, the testimony was explosive.

Within weeks after Hollings' appearance, the following developments, among others, took place:

The senate restored \$100,000 it had cut from a \$250,000 allotment originally made to the committee for a one-year study of hunger in the U.S.

In a meeting with Hollings and Sen. George McGovern (D-S. D.), committee chairman, Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin agreed to provide free food stamps, for the first time, to needy families in two counties of South Carolina who can't afford to pay for the type of stamps now available.

The senate committee puts the number of chronically hungry people in the U.S. at 10 million. Tackling the problem effectively will obviously not be easy.

## Luther the Bold

Thoughts on the Reformation Part III

Boldness is not usually regarded as a virtue, but there are times when boldness is in order. As we consider the situation of Martin Luther before the Diet of Worms where he is called upon to retract (take back and say it was wrong) all that he has written, his reply may seem to be a bit bold. He thought over the demands set before him. He was given one night to do this. Then in the morning he returned with his frequently quoted reply, "My But if the richest nation in the history of mankind, whose government is paying out billions of dollars in subsidies to prevent food from being grown, can't find the know-how to get food through to those who need it most — then there's something rotten indeed. Not in Denmark. But in this, the land we love.

#### DR. LAMBERT F. BROSE

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conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

What could Luther hope to gain by such a bold statement of his position against the demands of the German emperor and the leaders of the church? He could very well expect to lose his life as did reformers John Huss and Savonarola years before. Yet, as the man said, he was not looking for gain. He had only the choice of stating what he believed or going against his conscience. The man was bold in his reply. Anything less than boldness would fail to show clearly what he believed was right.

Luther could be bold at this time because he was secure in his faith. He was no longer trusting in his own efforts to appease the God he felt to be an angry God demanding satisfaction for every sin of man. Instead he now looked at God as a loving Father who went so far as to send His own Son to pay for man's sins and satisfy God's holy demands.

Luther found new meaning in portions of God's Word as we read in Romans, chapter 5. God has shown us how much He loves us: it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us! By His death we are now put right with God. Now Jesus saves us from God's anger.

At the beginning of this series I said, "What a blessing it must be to be able to say, "Here I stand," to have that strong faith, that confidence. Now I suggest that Martin Luther was equally blessed with the boldness to speak and act according to his firm belief. When we come right down to it, who would have believed he had the strong faith if he had no boldness?

Sometimes we freely dream of standing strong for what we believe to be right. We may often dream that we are bold and strong, but in reality we do not quite match our dreams. The way things are in the world today shows that one frequently does not know what to believe or where to stand. Even after our mind is made up, we readily say, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Yes, the flesh is weak. Luther had a weakness just like everyone else. However, he took the first bold step and placed his life into the hands of God. Then with God supplying the strength which the man was lacking, the words flowed freely, "Here I stand. God help me. Amen."

Rev. Louis Jasper

# My Son, My Son

"But they said they saw the angels last night."

"Rachael," her father said, "every week the shepherds or the rabble in the cities try to escape their boredom with some new rumor of a 'Messiah.' The merchants from Greece and Babylon with whom I deal laugh at our ignorant Jews and their dreams of a Savior."

Timaeus got up from the family's Roman-style dinner table with a mocking laugh. "As if one fellow called a Messiah could save those Jewish beggars and peasants from poverty and make them become a great nation."

Quarrels like this one happened often between Timaeus and Rachael. As usual the patient Miriam tried to restore peace between her successful husband and stubborn daughter. No matter how much she tried, Miriam could not train her daughter to accept the inferior place that a proper Jewish woman must take beside a man. Rachael had the same determination and defiance of custom that made her father the most successful trader in silks and spices in the Jewish community of Bethlehem.

"Timaeus," Miriam said, "words like those are a sacrilege such as that which kept our fathers in the desert for 40 years. You know that you, too, look forward to God's promise of a Savior for our people."

"Gladly would I spend 40 years in a wilderness rather than suffer the things I have had from God. A blind son! My firstborn heir has no hope for being anything but a beggar. If God kept His promises to His faithful followers, would He shame our family, which has served Him so well these many years?"

"Father, don't be so proud and bitter against God." Rachael paused from clearing the richly furnished table to speak up again to Timaeus with her usual boldness. "Just because your first son cannot carry on your business, you make life hard for all of us with your constant complaining. Why don't you have faith that your coming baby will be a boy?"

"Until I see some of God's so-called goodness, how can I have faith in Him?"

Miriam said, "But Timaeus, God often tests our faith and waits with His blessings until He proves our patience. Certainly we should rejoice, at least with the news of the shepherds that Rachael and I heard at the well this morning."

"Yes, right here in Bethlehem the new King is born," Rachael said with the excitement she had felt since first talking with the shepherds. "It was bright as day in the middle of the night. And the angels sang!"

"But I cannot understand His being born in a stable," Miriam said with a little disappointment.

"Ha! You see," sneered Timaeus, "it's just another story those stupid shepherds use to get someone to listen to them."

"You just wait and see," Rachael stubbornly insisted. "You'll be sorry for your bitterness when God blesses us with a son and with the joy of a real Messiah among us." Then, partly from anger and partly from the shame of having spoken so defiantly to a man, Rachael ran out of the house crying, "And I don't think you'll deserve a bit of your blessings."

Rachael's predictions came true as if they were prophecy. The sheppherds' story of a newborn King was not short-lived. It spread and stirred the hopes and imaginations of everyone in Bethlehem. Even Timaeus' customers from distant countries seemed interested in the report of a new King of the Jews.

To confirm the event as an act of God, a mysterious star seemed to single out the house of the carpenter with the marvelous child. A troupe of wealthy travelers from the East arrived with costly gifts for the young King. Even Timaeus was forced to nod his assent when others spoke of the coming of the Messiah.

But now Timaeus had little time to think about God's Gift to all men. He was too wrapped up with the birth of his own son, who carried his last hopes for keeping the family name in the world-famous trading company that his father had founded.

His business had not been better for years. Timaeus conducted his trade with confidence and pleasure that he had not felt since before the blindness of his first son wrecked his natural optimism. Now, at last, the future seemed bright with the thought of training a healthy son for eventual management of the family fortune.

Perhaps even this Child they call the Messiah might be the One who will bring glory and fame to the Jews. Yes, when he took time to think of it, Timaeus was finally convinced that God loved His people.

But then King Herod's killers from Jerusalem crushed this bud to death. All of Timaeus' pleading and bribery could not stay the swords of the soldiers who followed the command of Herod's jealous rage over an infant King. Not one child was spared. The wail of Bethlehem mothers could be heard throughout Israel as their baby boys were torn from their clutching arms and slaughtered before their horrified eves.

Timaeus' roar of grief reached to the sky with new curses against God. "For a stupid carpenter's Son, my son must die! What is God to take a man's last hope away? Messiah — bah! I thought the Messiah came to save life, not to have it destroyed. And while my son died, that one still lives. Oh, my son, my son. Would that I could finish Herod's work myself and kill that babe whose life caused your death. My son . . . my dreams . . . my hopes. Now there is nothing. There's not even God!"

The passing of time did nothing to soften Timaeus' attitude against God. Miriam's quiet persuasion of former years that cushioned Timaeus against the hard blows of life could do nothing now to temper his fury against a God who would dare deal so harshly with his family. Even after 30 years, when Miriam returned from the well one day with news of the Messiah's healing miracles, Timaeus rejected every suggestion that God's Son is here to bring peace and good will on earth.

"What good is there in God?"

"You have your business and we still prosper."

"But what of every Jewish father's need for sons?"

"You have a daughter who married into a fine family."

"Yes, and the humiliation of a son born blind, who begs like a leper and whom we have not seen for years! Another son butchered like a lamb before your eyes. That's what this Messiah and the God He claims for a Father has done for us."

Timaeus was raving so furiously that he almost did not hear the knock on the door. When he faced the visitor, he sensed a vague familiarity about the thin man in shabby clothes. But his temper was still hot, and he shouted, "I do not entertain beggars! Get out of here!"

Yet, before he could slam the door, curiosity overwhelmed him. "It seems that I should know you. Is it possible that I have met you through my business?"

The stranger replied, "I come from the man called Jesus. He has healed me."

"Oh, you are unfortunate! Do you think that you are blessed in the

rags you wear? Well, that Messiah has already ruined this household. Go away! I've heard enough of this faker and his devil-work!"

"But no, wait!" the beggar said. "I've worn these clothes all my life, but now no more, I hope. I am healed and I can work. God has given us both great trouble and grief. But that has only prepared us for a life more blessed with patience and faith in the love of Christ, our Savior. Please let us enjoy a new life through Jesus together . . . Father."

Father! Could Timaeus be hearing right? The face is familiar. The clothes are like he would be wearing. It could be . . . YES, it is!

Timaeus embraced his son with a sob of joy. There were tears in his eyes but hope in his heart as he cried, "Bartimaeus, my son, my son! God has given me back my firstborn!" Rev. HERMAN GRAEF

(ED. NOTE: This interesting story written by Pastor Graef some years ago is reprinted from the Dec. 1962 DEAF LUTHERAN by special request.)

## Notes of Interest

#### Arkansas TV Features Programs for the Deaf

A person does not have to hear television to enjoy it, according to 30,000 television viewers in the Little Rock, Ark., area. They should know — all of them are partially or totally deaf. But they join regular television audiences at least once a day when station KTHV features a news commentator who speaks with his hands.

"The station in Little Rock has blazed the trail to improve the lot of television viewers who suffer from impaired hearing," Mervin D. Garretson, executive director of the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf, said recently. "And we hope that the success of the Little Rock program will lead other stations all over the world to follow suit."

KTHV, which broadcasts over a 91,248 square kilometer (35,400 square mile) area, pioneered the first special news commentator for the deaf nearly three years ago, aware that some 10 percent of the world's population suffers hearing loss to a degree. The idea began when the station broadcast several documentaries about the nearby Arkansas School for the Deaf. During the filming, KTHV personnel found that the deaf students really loved television, according to John Pounders, program and operations manager.

On an experimental basis, the Little Rock station aired its morning newscasts with two menthe regular news commentator seated beside a translator. After a very few newscasts, the commentator discovered that the translator could "speak" with his hands as fast as he could talk. Since then the Little Rock station has expanded its special programming from international, national, and local news broadcasts to include weather forecasts, special news bulletins, and even election returns. The bulletins end: "If you have a deaf neighbor. please advise him of the bulletin."

When news films are used, technicians superimpose a continuously moving subtitle at the

bottom of the television screen. When photographs are used, the technicians use the split-screen

## The Question Box

**Q.** Is it wrong for a Christian to accept points or degree earnings in N. F. S. D.?

-a Great Lakes Region reader

**A.** No, as long as the Christian enjoys holding an office and helping his fellow deaf, I see nothing wrong with his full participation in N. F. S. D. activities. The N. F. S. D., National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, is neither a church nor a religious organization. Although this society operates on the lodge system, it does not have a religious ritual.

The earning of points and degrees is based on service in this organization, and the reason thereof is to encourage the members to assume duties and to fulfill them responsibly. No reason exists, therefore, why any Christian should refuse to accept awards for his works, done in cheerful spirit, in this fraternal society.

**Q.** What is the proper way for a Christian to say grace in the restaurant?

**A.** Since the Bible does not supply the answer to this question, it is up to the individual Christian to decide how he should say grace in public places like a restaurant. He need not call other people to see that he is a Christian. Rather the desire to thank God for His blessings should be the reason for his table prayer.

How a Christian prays in public is not important. He may or may not fold his hands. He can pray to God in his mind while outwardly he seems to be doing nothing. The important thing is that he pray to God in the right spirit and with sincere confidence that God hears. Of course, the prayer should be made in Jesus' name.

REV. WILLIAM A. LUDWIG

How short should women's dresses be? — next month's Question Box.

Address your questions on any church-related subject to The Question Box, Rev. William A. Ludwig, 360 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214. method to show the hands of the translator in one corner.

The man who translates the news has often been Roy G. Parks, the superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Deaf. "Mr. Parks is a very unusual man," Mr. Pounders observed. "He is the heart of the program."

The regular viewing public in the KTHV area approve of the special newscasts, he said. No apparent objection to the presence of the signing translator has been

SEEING ourselves as others see us wouldn't do much good. We wouldn't believe it.

CH — — CH means nothing unless UR in it. . . . heard, but instead the station has received hundreds of congratulatory letters from viewers throughout the state.

Garretson, who is also a member of President Nixon's Blue Ribbon Ad Hoc Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, has announced the inauguration of the council's global campaign to have television stations provide more visual aid on their programs.

Mr. Pounders said that KTHV's special programming for the deaf has been a "very rewarding experience" and that although a translator can be used for a limited number of programs, the station will continue its current efforts and will explore new ideas to benefit its deaf "listeners."

COSD Release

# News Items from 210

1. Lutheran Friends of the Deaf in cooperation with the Board for Missions, at the request of the Board of Directors of the Brazil District, plans to send a delegation to South America in November to look into expanding the work among the deaf there. Melvin Luebke and I have been asked to go, plus perhaps one or two others. At this writing tentative dates set for the trip are Nov. 8—29.

2. We were pleasantly surprised to receive a generous gift of \$75.00 from Mrs. Lydia L. Boll of Jamaica, N. Y., widow of Rev. Arthur J. Boll, our first missionary to the deaf in the East. Although she gave it in honor of the 75th anniversary of our ministry to the deaf, it is in a special sense a memorial to the ministry of her sainted husband, whose faithful labors are today still bearing fruit.

3. During its July meeting at Denver the Board for Missions resolved to become a member of the COSD Golden Emblem Club.

4. We are pleased to report that the Board for World Relief has granted Father Andeweg another \$500 for his work with the deaf in Beirut, Lebanon.

> REV. HERBERT ROHE St. Louis, Mo.



Kansas City, Mo. Students of the Kansas School for the Deaf gathered for this picture in Redeemer Lutheran Church, Olathe, Kans., where they regularly attend Sunday school. Posing with the students are eight of their take Kansas City Field. Rev. W. Naegele, (top row, left) serves Redeemer the Kansas City Field. Rev. W. Naegele, (top row, left) serves Redeemer hearing church. Mr. R. Baker, standing with his wife (top right), is president of Pilgrim Deaf Congregation in Kansas City and current president of the Midwest Lutheran Deaf Lay Conference



## Lutheran First At Gallaudet

Washington, D. C. Probably for the first time in the more than 100-year history of Gallaudet College in Washington four sons and one daughter of Lutheran pastors are enrolled as students. They join a student body of 990 enrolled in Gallaudet's 1969—70 school year in graduate and undergraduate programs.

These students are: Ralph



Sons of Lutheran pastors stand with arms locked in friendship before the statue of Thomas Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell on the campus of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., where they are students. Pictured (l. to r.) are James Pokorny, David Naumann, Chaplain Daniel Pokorny, Ralph Bergstresser, and Stephen Luke. Another student, Elizabeth Paananen, the daughter of a Lutheran pastor in Ohio, was not present when the picture was taken

Baltimore, Md., 1933. As our 75th anniversary year draws to a close, many of us pause again and reflect on the Lord's blessings to His deaf churches. Another historic picture (left) was submitted by Rev. Daniel Pokorny, who presently serves the Baltimore flock. These are the deaf Lutherans who worshiped together in 1933. L. to r. ("+" means deceased): + F. Wess, + Mrs. L. Bonchoff, William Martini, + W. Hokemeyer, Mrs. Jeannette Schleibaum, + H. Schleibaum, + Pastor A. Boll, Victor Krohn, Anna Metzger, + Harry Henning, Mrs. W. J. Martini, + J. Hildebrand, + Mrs. Hildebrand, and + James Bonchoff

Bergstresser, whose father is a pastor in Pennsylvania; Stephen Luke, whose father has a church in Kansas; David Naumann, whose dad shepherds a church in Texas; Elizabeth Paananen, whose home is in Ohio, where her father has a church; and James Pokorny, whose father is the Lutheran chaplain at Gallaudet and pastor of two deaf Lutheran churches, in Washington and Baltimore.

The ministry to Lutheran students on the Gallaudet campus includes a chapter of Gamma Delta now in its 11th year. Special services are frequently conducted which try some of the new folk worship idioms after they have been slightly modified for the deaf students.

# Daily Bible Reading Guide for 1970

#### The Bible Is for You

God is never selfish or unwise. He has given us all things because He loves us. He knows exactly what we need, and as He knows, He gives. When He gave us the Bible, He gave it for our sake; and He placed in the Bible the truths we need. He spoke through the prophets and the apostles to show His ways and His truth to men. We can find in the Bible the length and the breadth, the depth and the height of the love of God in Christ. In finding that love

#### Some Christians are like -

- a wheelbarrow no good unless pushed.
- a canoe they need to be paddled.
- a kite if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.
- a balloon full of wind and ready to blow up.
- a trailer they have to be pulled.
- a neon light always going on and off.
- a gold watch open face, pure gold, quietly busy, full of good works.

Does one of these categories describe you? we are served. God gives us knowledge of Himself. He shows us the way to eternal life in heaven and the more abundant life now. It is not for His pleasure but for ours that we read; not because of duty but for our profit.

#### **Good Reading Habits**

These Bible reading suggestions will help you find your place with God. Here is a map for your journey through 1970 toward your goal, a life with God. Set aside a regular time — perhaps a regular place for your daily conversation with God. Spend a moment in thoughtful prayer before you read. Take time to remember that God has for you a word of help both for today and forever. Then read the selection indicated to learn the old truths of God and notice how they help you in your present needs.

#### Think About Your Reading

Make your Bible adventure a part of your life. Do not sit on the sidelines like a spectator at a baseball game; put yourself into the play. Do not simply read and forget, saying, "There, that's done," as though it were a distasteful duty. But when you have read, take the time to let the thoughts God has given you take root in your mind. Think of it long enough to make it stay with you through the day. Let your meditation lead to prayer, for prayer is the beginning of your participation in the life of God.

#### **Continue** in **Prayer**

Begin your private prayers with the thought of God — His power, His majesty, His love. Then open your heart to Him and freely show your weakness and your need; confess your sin and depend on His mercy. Give thanks for the good that God has given you, your family, and your friends. Then set before Him your thoughts on their needs and yours. When making your requests, pray in Jesus' name; use the credit He has given you by His life and death. Include the prayer thought suggestions and pray for the leaders of your church and nation.

#### The Pattern of This Guide

The Bible Readings this year are a summary of the great truths of our faith. They are set in the pattern of the season of the church year, and the teachings emphasized are indicated by the titles. As you use this guide day by day, confess your faith in the greatness of God, His love, and His work. Keep in mind your own place in His kingdom.



## LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY Daily Bible Readings Jan. 1—Feb. 16

#### Include the following in your prayers:

- that the Holy Spirit will bless those who preach and teach His Word throughout the world and that all who hear may believe.
- that every Christian may bravely witness of God's love wherever he goes.
- your church's need for more pastors and teachers.
- your pastor and the leaders in your congregation.
- your family and the members of your home congregation.
- that God would give you patience and the ability to forgive others.
- that God would bless your plans and help you make the right decisions.
- our church workers who celebrate birthdays this month: Pastor John A. Beyer, Seattle, Wash. (1-14)
  Pastor Robert Bauer, Edmonton, Alta., Can. (1-27)
  Mrs. Ferol Hauptman, pastor's wife, St. Paul, Minn. (1-28)
  Pastor Quintin Quade, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (1-28)

Mrs. Donata Haug, pastor's wife, Houston, Tex. (1-30) Mrs. Gayle Berninghaus, lay assistant's wife, Omaha, Nebr. (1-30) Pastor Marlin Sampson, San Francisco, Calif. (2-1) Pastor August L. Hauptman, St. Paul, Minn. (2-6) Pastor Charles Jones, Chicago, Ill. (2-6)

#### We Need to Know God

- Jan. 1-John 17:1-10. To know God is eternal life.
- Jan. 2 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. God has shown Himself to us in the Holy Spirit.
- Jan. 3—1 Corinthians 13:9-12. We hope for perfect knowledge. In repentance remember the weakness of your own understanding and pray for growth in faith, hope, and love.
- Jan. 4-Hosea 5:15-6:6. To know God is to know His steadfast love:
- Jan. 5 John 20:30-31. The source of our knowledge is the Bible.

#### God Is Known in Jesus Christ

- Jan. 6 John 1:1-18. God has made Himself known as Grace in Jesus Christ.
- Jan. 7-John 14:8-11. We know God by knowing Jesus.
- Jan. 8-John 8:31-47. In the knowledge of Christ we are free.
- Jan. 9-1 John 4:7-21. The knowledge of God's love cancels fear.
- Jan. 10 Colossians 1:15-23. In Jesus Christ we know the fullness of God.
- Jan. 11-Romans 9:30-10:4. We know our God in humbleness.

#### God Is Known in His Saving Acts

- Jan. 12 Psalm 105. God called us out of bondage. Give thanks for your salvation from sin.
- Jan. 13 Exodus 13:1-20. We are called into a divine covenant (agreement with God). We depend on God's grace alone.
- Jan. 14 Deuteronomy 4:1-14. The church remembers the acts of God.
- Jan. 15 Numbers 14:10-25. By His gracious acts our God is known.
- Jan. 16 Psalm 107. Our God is a God of deliverance. Give thanks for the blessings which God has given.
- Jan. 17 Ezekiel 20:32-44. Even God's anger is a call to grace. Ask that God correct us and hold us faithful to Him.
- Jan. 18-Isaiah 41:8-20. Our glory is in God's call.
- The Lord, Our God, Is One
- Jan. 19 Matthew 17:1-9. Our God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Give thanks that God has declared Himself to us.
- Jan. 20 John 4:1-26. Jesus declares Himself as Christ.
- Jan. 21 Isaiah 55:6-11. God's greatness is unknowable. Give thanks that He has shown us His mercy.

- Jan. 22 Isaiah 40:12-31. There is only one God. Pray that those who worship other gods might find the truth.
- Jan. 23 Psalm 90:1-12. Our God is God forever.
- Jan. 24 Psalm 139:1-12. God in His wisdom knows us. Pray for faith to repent without shame.
- Jan. 25 Romans 11:33-36. No one can teach God.

#### God Is Merciful and Gracious

- Jan. 26 Exodus 34:1-7. God shows His mercy to Moses.
- Jan. 27 Matthew 6:25-34. God supports all life in mercy.
- Jan. 28 1 John 1:1-10. No sin is beyond forgiveness.
- Jan. 29 Romans 8:31-39. God's grace cancels all condemnation. Pray for those whose faith is weak, that they never be afraid.
- Jan. 30 Psalm 121. God's grace never ends. Ask for God's strength for the poor, the sick, and the handicapped.
- God Lives in Majesty
- Jan. 31 Exodus 3:1-6. We meet God on holy ground.
- Feb. 1 Isaiah 6:1-8. God's calling must be answered.
- Feb. 2-Psalm 99:1-9. The Lord reigns and we tremble.
- Feb. 3 Deuteronomy 10:12-22. It is the eternal God who has called us.
- Feb. 4 Ezekiel 1:22-28. The glory of God is beyond anything we have experienced here on earth. Pray for faith to know the constant presence of God.
- Feb. 5 Job 40:1-14. No man can answer God. Ask for humbleness, to be confident in God.
- Feb. 6-Revelation 15:1-4. The church sings the praise of God.
- God Has Made Us
- Feb. 7 Genesis 1:26-31. God places man in charge. Give thanks for your life, for your world, for your work.
- Feb. 8-Psalm 100. Be thankful before your God.
- Feb. 9-Isaiah 45:9-13. Let no one question God.
- Feb. 10 Isaiah 51:12-16. We are secure in God's protection.
- Feb. 11-Isaiah 45:18-25. God calls the whole world to Himself.
- Feb. 12 Job 42:1-10. Job is restored when he accepts his weakness. Pray for those who do not understand God's eternal power.
- Feb. 13 Psalm 51. In faith God creates us new. Pray for an understanding of your need to repent of your sins.
- Feb. 14 Acts 17:22-31. God has made all men one.
- Feb. 15 Genesis 9:1-7. God has not left us alone. Pray that we might find God's love in one another.
- Feb. 16 Deuteronomy 30:15-20. God calls us to choose. Pray that you continue faithful to your Creator.

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