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**Share**

highs and lows



**Read**

a Bible verse

or story

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**Talk**

about how the

Bible reading

might relate to

your highs

and lows



**Pray**

for one another’s

highs and lows



**Bless**

one another

**EPIPHANY SEASON, WINTER 2025**



**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**

*“For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each New Year the church begins the Epiphany season. This is our new Christ Lutheran Faith 5 devotion for that season. Our topic is: The Gospel of Luke: ‘For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.’”

Glad you will join your fellow Christ Church members and friends to read through, start to finish, one of the four Gospels, the one from which Sunday worship Gospels will come throughout this church year. Topical studies are good, but sometimes we need to just pick a book of the Bible and read it, so to speak, “from cover to cover.”

Luke, one of the four Gospels in the Bible, tells Jesus’ story in his own unique way. While Luke shares much in common with Matthew and Mark, he also brings new material and perspective to his account. For example, only in Luke do we read the birth narrative with which we are so familiar. We will not re-read it here, because we just read it in our Advent/Christmas devotions.

I picked Luke 19:10 as a theme verse for us: “Jesus said: ‘For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.’” Jesus said this just after His encounter with Zaccheus and a short time before His Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem. In a sense, it sums up His ministry and gives explanation to His final week. Luke also is the only Gospel which contains the Parables of the Lost Coin and the Prodigal (or Lost) Son. Join us – and together we will learn much more about Luke and his Gospel message and prepare ourselves to hear this Gospel in worship throughout this church year.

This new devo begins on January 12 and continues until March 1. We begin with a week of introductory verses and then two weeks on each sub-section of the Gospel: Jesus in and around Galilee, Jesus in Judea and Jesus’ Final Week.

The devos still include Sunday gospel readings on Saturdays. This calendar can be downloaded from our website or picked up at church. I continue to post daily passages and a short comment about each on the Christ Lutheran Church Facebook page or you can join our e-mail group and receive the same daily verses and short comment posted on Facebook. Simply send a request message to Pastor Amy at pastorsmiller12@gmail.com.

 May your Epiphany devotions be enlightening.



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