

JANUARY 2014 – DAILY LECTIONARY

LSB P. 299-304; with Psalm selections from: A Year With the Church Fathers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Circumcision and Name of Jesus Is. 61:1-11 Luke 1:57-80 Ps. – 113; 21	2 Is. 62:1-12 Luke 2:1-20 Ps. – 62:5-8, 11-12; 98	3 Is. 63:1-14 Luke 2:21-40 Ps. – 108:1-6, 12-13; 110	4 Is. 63:15 -- 65:7 Luke 2:41-52 Ps. – 40:6-10; 65
5 2 nd S. a. Christmas Is. 65:8-25 Luke 3:1-20 Ps. – 37:34-40; 10	6 Epiphany Is. 66:1-20 Luke 3:21-38 Ps. – 45:1-7; 72	7 Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28 Rom. 1:1-17 Ps. – 46:4-6, 8-11; 45	8 9AM Bible Study Ezek. 2:1 -- 3:11 Rom. 1:18-32 Ps. – 19:1-6, 9-11, 14	9 Ezek. 3:12-27 Rom. 2:1-16 Ps. – 62:5-12; 32	10 Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32 Rom. 2:17-29 Ps. – 85:1-4, 7-13	11 Ezek. 33:1-20 Rom. 3:1-18 Ps. – 7:1-5, 8-11
12 Baptism of Our Lord/1 st S. a. Epiphany Ezek.34:1-24 Rom. 3:19-31 Ps. – 63:3-11; 59	13 Ezek. 36:13-28 Rom. 4:1-25 Ps. – 32:1-7; 51	14 Ezek. 36:33 -- 37:14 Rom. 5:1-21 Ps. – 104:27-30; 79	15 9AM Bible Study Ezek. 37:15-28 Rom. 6:1-23 Ps. - 29	16 Ezek. 38: 1-23 Rom. 7:1-20 Ps. – 36:1-6, 10; 54	17 Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29 Rom. 7:21 -- 8:17 Ps. – 76: 1-3, 6-12; 137	18 Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12 Rom. 8:18-39 Ps. – 44:1-3, 9-10, 20-23, 26
19 Epiphany 2 Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29 Rom. 9:1-18 Ps. – 15; 126	20 Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23 Rom. 9: 19-33 Ps. – 117; 97	21 Joel 1:1-20 Rom. 10:1-21 Ps. – 20; 13	22 9AM Bible Study Joel 2:1-17 Rom. 11:1-24 Ps. – 69:19-23, 32-33	23 Joel 2:18-32 Rom. 11:25-12:13 Ps. – 139:1-6, 12-14	24 Joel 3:1-21 Rom. 12:14 -- 13:14 Ps. – 131; 84	25 Zech. 1:1-21 Rom. 14:1-23 Ps. – 6:4-10; 67
26 Epiphany 3 Zech. 2:1-- 3:10 Rom. 15:1-13 Ps. – 18:46-50; 134	27 Zech. 4:1 -- 5:11 Rom. 15:14-33 Ps. – 1; 109	28 Zech. 6:1-7:14 Rom. 16:17-27 Ps. – 12; 133	29 9AM Bible Study Zech. 8:1-23 2 Tim. 1:1-18 Ps. - 107	30 Zech. 9:1-17 2 Tim. 2:1-26 Ps. - 33	31 Zech. 10:1 -- 11:3 2 Tim. 3:1-17 Ps. - 135:1-7, 13-14	

In later years Luther often remarked that the -- turning point -- for him -- came when he understood the force of the phrase, “the righteousness of God” (Rom. 1:17).

What Luther Says: ...I anxiously and busily worked to understand the word of Paul in Rom. 1:17. I questioned this passage for a long time and labored over it, for the expression “righteousness of God” barred...my way. This phrase was customarily explained to mean that the righteousness of God (the wrath of God) is a virtue by which He is Himself righteous and condemns sinners. As often as I read this passage, I wished that God had never revealed the Gospel; for who could love a God who was angry, who judged and condemned people? This misunderstanding continued until, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, I finally examined more carefully the word of Habakkuk: “The just shall live by his faith” (2:4). From this passage I concluded that life must be derived from faith... Then the entire Holy Scripture became clear to me, and heaven itself was opened to me. [3906] If we are to live righteously because of righteousness by faith and this righteousness of God is intended to save everyone who believes, it follows that righteousness is by faith and life by righteousness.

[1401 – But the real faith, of which we are speaking, cannot be brought into being by our own thoughts. On the contrary, it is entirely God’s work in us, without any co-operation on our part...Therefore it is a very mighty, active, restless, busy thing, which at once renews a man, gives him a second birth, and introduces him to a new manner and way of life, so that it is impossible for him not to do good without ceasing. For as naturally as a tree bears fruit, good works follow upon faith.]

I gathered a similar sense from other expressions. Thus the “work of God” is that which God works in us; the “strength of God” is that through which He makes us strong; the “wisdom of God” is that through which He makes us wise; ...¹

¹ What Luther Says, A Practical In-Home Anthology for the Active Christian, Plass – 2600, 3905, 3906, 1401.