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# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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*Daily Devotion at Zion + February 2026 + Day by Day*

## Day by Day

The Lutheran church has a beautiful service for daily morning prayer called *Matins*, and one portion of that service is called the *Te Deum* (“You are God”). It contains this memorable sentence:

Day by day, we magnify You;  
And we worship Your Name,  
forever and ever.

It echoes Joshua 3:7, “This day I will begin to magnify and exalt you.” One of the most important ways that Christians serve God and their neighbor is by calling on the name of the Lord day-by-day in faith, prayer, and thanksgiving.

Such prayer hallows the earth. It brings blessings not only to the person praying, but also to his home, his neighborhood, his church, and his nation. God promises that He will answer on the day that we call to Him (Psalm 91:5), and the presence of a believer in any land brings with him the presence of Jesus Christ, to whom he is united (Romans 6:3-5). Our prayer is part of His prayer.

Zion will explore daily devotion at its Midweek Services this Lent. ***Devoted: Prayer Day-by-Day*** will be the sermon series, and our guide will be Holy Scripture and the Daily Prayers of the Small Catechism. Marking our morning, mealtime, and evening with prayer gives us a pattern of devotion that unites us with the whole Christian church and confesses our union with Jesus Himself.

## About the Cover Art

This anonymous work of art depicts a small family praying prior to a humble meal. The posture of the mother and father (mother and grandfather?), and the nearly unseen face of the little boy, draw our attention to the young girl devoutly folding her hands and even suggests that she is the one leading the prayer, causing her mother and father to pause even as they ready the table to eat. Such a domestic scene reminds us to interrupt our work, too, with prayer and devotion.

### Daily Readings for the Week of Septuagesima (February 1)

**S** Genesis 18:16-33  
Galatians 5:13-25  
Mark 8:22-30

**Th** Genesis 23:1-20  
Hebrews 11:32—12:2  
John 6:60-71

**M** Genesis 19:1-29  
Hebrews 11:1-12  
John 6:27-40

**F** Genesis 24:1-27  
Hebrews 12:3-11  
John 7:1-13

**T** Genesis 21:1-21  
Hebrews 11:13-22  
John 6:41-51

**Sa** Genesis 24:28-38, 49-51  
Hebrews 12:12-29  
John 7:14-36

**W** Genesis 22:1-18  
Hebrews 11:23-31  
John 6:52-59

*These readings correspond  
to pages 333—368 in Vol-  
ume III of For All the  
Saints.*

### Daily Readings for the Week of the Sexagesima (February 8)

**S** Genesis 24:50-67  
2 Timothy 2:14-21  
Mark 10:13-22

**Th** Genesis 27:30-45  
Romans 12:9-21  
John 8:21-32

**M** Genesis 25:19-34  
Hebrews 13:1-16  
John 7:37-52

**F** Genesis 27:46—28:4,  
10-22  
Romans 13:1-14  
John 8:33-47

**T** Genesis 26:1-6, 12-33  
Hebrews 13:17-25  
John 7:53—8:11

**Sa** Genesis 29:1-20  
Romans 14:1-23  
John 8:47-59

**W** Genesis 27:1-29  
Romans 12:1-8  
John 8:12-20

*These readings correspond  
to pages 368—403 in Vol-  
ume III of For All the  
Saints.*

### Daily Readings for the Week of Quinquagesima (February 15)

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| <b>S</b> ( <i>Vol. III pp. 403-407</i> )<br>Genesis 29:20-35<br>1 Timothy 3:14—4:10<br>Mark 10:23-31 | <b>Th</b> Habakkuk 3:1-18<br>Philippians 3:12-21<br>John 17:1-8  |
| <b>M</b> Proverbs 27:1-6, 10-12<br>Philippians 2:1-13<br>John 18:15-18, 24-27                        | <b>F</b> Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32<br>Philippians 4:1-9<br>John 17:9-19  |
| <b>T</b> Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33<br>Philippians 3:1-11<br>John 18:28-38                               | <b>Sa</b> Ezekiel 39:21-29<br>Philippians 4:10-20<br>John 17:20-26   |
| <b>W</b> Amos 5:6-15<br>Hebrews 12:1-14<br>Luke 18:9-14  | <i>These readings (after Sunday) correspond to pages 510-517 &amp; 815-833 in Volume III of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Lent 1 (February 22)

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| <b>S</b> Daniel 9:3-10<br>Hebrews 2:10-18<br>John 12:44-50         | <b>Th</b> Genesis 39:1-23<br>1 Corinthians 2:14—<br>3:15<br>Mark 2:1-12                     |
| <b>M</b> Genesis 37:1-11<br>1 Corinthians 1:1-9<br>Mark 1:1-13     | <b>F</b> Genesis 40:1-23<br>1 Corinthians 3:16-23<br>Mark 2:13-22                           |
| <b>T</b> Genesis 37:12-24<br>1 Corinthians 1:20-31<br>Mark 1:14-28 | <b>Sa</b> Genesis 41:1-13<br>1 Corinthians 4:1-7<br>Mark 2:23—3:6                           |
| <b>W</b> Genesis 37:25-36<br>1 Corinthians 2:1-13<br>Mark 1:29-45  | <i>The readings correspond to pages 833—863 in Volume III of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |