

—The Bread of Life—

Daily Bible readings for home devotions Throughout 2009

Dear reader: This program of Bible readings is built on the framework of the Scripture readings used at Messiah of Eau Claire during 2005; an underlined date marks the close of the week's six readings. Hymn selections are from The Lutheran Hymnal. May the Lord bless you and yours with His Spirit through the Word as you read these messages from your dear Father in heaven!

☽ January ☽

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>A thought from the reading</u>	<u>Hymn</u>
1	Psalm 103	Praise God for all His benefits during 2008!	124
2	Matthew 6:25-34	Jesus has His solution to our worrying.	789
<u>3</u>	2 Peter 3:1-15	God counsels us on making long-term plans.	447
5	Matthew 2:13-23	God's tactics are flexible, and He copes well.	19
6	Galatians 3:19-29	God clears out the Law-low with the Gospel-high.	20
7	Joel 2:28-32	Where do we stand with before and afterwards?	325
8	Amos 8:11-14	God has a good memory for insults done to Him.	336
9	Obadiah	God took time to settle the score with Edom.	608
<u>10</u>	1 Peter 4:12-19	Are we also headed for a fiery trial in our land?	605
12	Jonah 1&2	Jonah is a conundrum! Why run from God?	598
13	Jonah 3&4	How wonderful for the people of Nineveh!	331
14	Matthew 12:38-42	It was high time for Jesus to bring up Jonah.	296
15	Luke 2:41-52	Jesus went to church every week on His business.	4
16	Romans 12:1-8	Jesus has earned priority rank in our lives.	348
<u>17</u>	Romans 12:9-21	How does a Christian behave? (Get to work!)	400
19	Micah 1-4	Today's society would get Micah disgusted.	552
20	Micah 6:1-8	Who can square himself by cheap payoffs?	610
21	Micah 7	How splendid that God has compassion on us!	575
22	John 2:1-11	A back-door peek into God's housekeeping—	620
23	Matthew 8:1-13	Human ailments tumble before Jesus' touch.	415
<u>24</u>	Proverbs 12:1-16	The stupidity of sin vs. the wisdom of godliness—	323
26	Habakkuk 1:12-17	Today's news from Iraq is not so new.	392
27	Nahum 2:1-9	Satan is still our enemy, and Jesus still the Lord.	452
28	Zephaniah 1:14-2:3	The Day of wrath is our Day of Deliverance.	537
29	Matthew 20:1-16	Many a soul will be reclaimed late in life.	497
30	1 Cor. 9:24-10:5	Our race is long-distance and exhausting.	529
<u>31</u>	Proverbs 18:19-24	Are you a brother, a spouse, a friend?	400

☽ February ☽

2	Haggai 1	Am I well devoted to His Kingdom work?	462
3	Haggai 2:1-9	"Be strong . . . , for I am with you. . . ."	524
4	Luke 8:4-15	Is the seed wasted on birds, gravel, and weeds?	52

5	2 Corinthians 12:1-9	The power of the Church lies in God, not in us.	233
6	1 Corinthians 13	Love is a good gardener, caregiver, and CEO.	399
7	Proverbs 26	Are we playing, or doing serious gardening?	421
9	Zechariah 6	God's Branch supports the Holy Christian Church.	134
10	Zechariah 13:1-9	This drama is also displayed in Mt. 25:31-46.	60
11	Joel 2:12-27	After revival comes the blessed rain.	235
12	Matthew 6:16-21	Treasures from heaven to enrich for heaven—	24
13	Luke 18:34-43	Pride squints at God's work of redemption.	409
14	Proverbs 28:1-13	A word to the wise about sin and repentance—	326
16	Malachi 1&2	True religion is not a check-list!	407
17	Malachi 3:8-10	From bargaining to revering; from sneering to serving—	403
18	Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus loves us – always and in all circumstances.	401
19	Matthew 20:20-28	Ruling is not the measure of status, but serving.	440
20	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Co-workers with God, no less!	37
21	Ecclesiastes 12	Remember your Creator in your youthfulness!	36
23	Matthew 1:18-25	Christmas and Lent go beyond calendars.	134
24	Matthew 3:13-17	John rates among the most honored humans.	63
25	Ash Wed. -Matthew 15:21-28	Jesus found someone to honor Him.	492
26	1Thessalonians 4:1-8	Freed from sin and at liberty to serve Him—	411
27	John 7:14-17	Let us use God's test-bed for knowing the Truth!	284
28	1 John 4:18-23	Is it fair to judge the Savior by judging us?	348

☞ March ☞

2	Mark 8:22-33	Jesus is "Son of Man," as per Daniel 7:13.	657
3	Daniel 7:9-14	What did Daniel see that made his brain reel?	604
4	Acts 7:54-60	God and Man together functioning as our Savior—	104
5	Revelation 1:10-18	(to demonstrate how Scriptures hang together)	199
6	Ephesians 5:1-11	Being a follower of Jesus is fail-safe.	355
7	Luke 11:14-28	Such dullness is almost beyond credibility!	353
9	Luke 16:19-31	In what ways am I like the rich man—or like Lazarus?	324
10	John 6:1-15	Jesus is working to save souls, and I will help.	245
11	Galatians 4:21-34	Value your first-rate status as heir of Promise!	242
12	Matthew 5:17-20	Jesus did not eviscerate the Law but kept it.	380
13	Luke 9:51-56	It's not helpful to blast snooty people.	374
14	1 Timothy 1:12-20	God is good at demolition and at rebuilding.	322
16	John 17:1-19	Here we are allowed to eavesdrop on God.	159
17	John 17:20-26	Father and Son are welding us into Their unit.	473
18	John 18:28-40	Delusions about dirtiness and cleanliness—	233
19	Acts 2:14-35	Daniel foresaw Jesus as Lord over death/Hades.	228
20	Acts 2:37-47	The Spirit coaxes and pulls our heart to respond.	225
21	2 Peter 1:16-21	Here we are with the Bible in our hands—	285
23	Romans 3:21-28	The Judge declares mercy, not penalty!	371
24	Romans 10:6-13	Who can steal what God has granted me?	372
25	Isaiah 63:1-7	Love conquers all—even all sins and sinfulness!	377
26	1 Corinthians 11:23-32	We bow in reverence over Jesus' dedication.	383
27	John 3:1-13	Greater miracles than these—	383
28	John 3:14-21	The snakes are removed by the Cross.	245

30	Ephesians 2:1-9	From corpse to conqueror is easy for God.	373
31	Ephesians 1:3-14	Great, gracious, completely full redemption—	161

April

1	Exodus 20:1-17	God did not give “The Ten Suggestions.”	287
2	Romans 3:19-26	God has the one better Way for success.	319
3	1 Corinthians 1:16-25	Our impossible dream is God’s reality.	366
4	Zechariah 9:9-10	The lowly King rides on to victory.	58
6	Mark 15:1-39	long Redemption Avenue in Jerusalem.	145
7	Philippians 2:5-11	Slow down to enjoy this panoramic view!	104
8	Exodus 24:3-11	The blood of the Covenant was shed.	171
9	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	It is His pleasure to supply our need.	142
10	Good Friday: John 18-19	Walk the <i>Via Dolorosa</i> with Jesus.	175
11	1 Peter 3:17-22	What a jolt for Satan that Jesus prevailed!	179
13	Mark 16:1-8	Easter seemed too miraculous to be true.	192
14	Luke 24:13-35	Jesus removes puzzlement and dismay.	200
15	Luke 24:36-48	For others Easter seemed too good to be true.	208
16	Acts 10:34-41	—Replay of selected portions of the facts—	201
17	Acts 13:26-41	Jesus has straightened what was crooked.	190
18	1 Corinthians 15:50-58	God’s Easter work is eternal and victorious!	196
20	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	This existence is a detour until we are reunited.	206
21	John 20:19-23	“Peace be with you” as you confront the world.	371
22	John 20:24-29	Human nature is always an unbeliever.	369
23	John 21:15-19	Another cracked vessel needed mending.	648
24	2 Corinthians 4:7-18	Do not lose heart, for you are heaven-bound!	372
25	1 John 5:4-12	God’s Word stands in contrast to human thinking.	381
27	Psalms 57:7-10	Attending to God’s mercy stabilizes our pulse.	395
28	Luke 12:13-21	We know how we are really rich—in Jesus.	430
29	Matthew 16:13-19	The “rock”=revelation, conviction, and confession.	477
30	Matthew 10:1-15	Many souls are waiting to be rescued from Satan.	504

May

1	Matthew 10:16-27	We are still sheep among wolves, aren’t we?	431
2	Matthew 13:1-9/18-23	Satan is at work 24/7 to rob us of our salvation.	413
4	Philippians 3:7-14	We live according to God’s accounting system.	380
5	1 Peter 1:13-19	Be a good soldier during your entire tour of duty!	501
6	1 Peter 2:1-10	We serve under a holy contract with God.	332
7	1 Peter 2:11-20	Christian, walk the walk of good conduct!	416
8	1 Peter 2:21-25	Jesus stands up front—not in life’s background.	348
9	1 Peter 4:1-11	Two forces wrestle for control of our hearts.	420
11	2 Thessalonians 2:1-12	Bad news of the Papacy’s rating with God—	41
12	2 Thessalonians 2:12-17	Good news for the true Christian Church—	37
13	2 Timothy 3:1-7	Continue in the Holy Scriptures for blessings.	261
14	2 Timothy 4:1-5	Our privileged responsibility – come what may!	333
15	James 1:16-27	The way we live will give God credit.	449
16	John 16:5-15	Jesus purposely left His disciples behind.	31

18	Hebrews 10:32-39	Keep on track and stay focused on Jesus!	561
19	Hebrews 12:1-11	Chastening is a fatherly form of correction.	523
20	James 2:14-26	A creed without deeds is a paper religion.	395
21	Acts 1:4-11	We rejoice that Jesus made it back home.	218
22	Mark 16:14-20	and opened heaven's gates for us.	217
23	John 16:23-30	Our Father recognizes Jesus in our faces.	257
25	James 1:12-20	God's trials are different from Satan's tempting.	412
26	2 Peter 1:2-4	God's Word lives and abides forever.	283
27	2 Peter 1:5-11	God grant us fruitful lives on His branches!	49
28	2 Peter 1:16-21	We do not follow cunningly devised fables.	264
29	2 Peter 3:10-16	What manner of persons ought we to be?	606
30	John 15:26-16:4	When the time does come, we will recall.	605

—May 31 is Pentecost Sunday—

June

1	Acts 2:1-13	Great timing for God's good news to Jews—	226
2	John 14:23-31	The disciples were ready to go to work.	225
3	Acts 10:34-48	Lesson: God loves non-Semites too!	497
4	John 3:14-21	God coaxes in love and welcomes us to Him.	245
5	John 10:1-10	Jesus intends to rescue us from imposters.	368
6	Acts 8:14-25	Satan had to release Simon to the Spirit's care.	364

— June 7 is Trinity Sunday —

8	Revelation 22:6-21	How shall we be prepared for Jesus' return?	609
9	Isaiah 6:1-8	Do what you can to represent God properly!	249
10	Isaiah 48:12-21	God is beginning and end of the enterprise!	246
11	Matthew 28:16-20	The highest calling is to be His co-workers.	3
12	Acts 2:33-39	Is Jesus alive and well in your life?	359
13	2 Corinthians 13:1-14	Jesus proves that He is living in us.	356
15	Deuteronomy 6:1-15	The Law's rewards are temporal and earthly.	295
16	Matthew 5:1-10	Beatitudes are not admonitions but declarations.	250
17	Acts 4:32-37	It's not a loss to serve others for their blessing.	405
18	James 5:1-7	Selfishness is always hungry, never satisfied.	439
19	1 John 4:12-21	God's love to us promotes our love to Him.	399
20	Luke 16:19-31	This parable sounds like reality, doesn't it?	428
22	Joshua 1:1-9	This is the story of our own pilgrimage.	537
23	John 6:60-71	We also have come to Peter's conviction.	425
24	1 Peter 5:8-11	Judas is human nature; Jesus is heaven's.	394
25	Proverbs 9:1-11	God's wisdom is satisfying, and you know it.	392
26	Matthew 5:17-30	Don't trip over the Law's first step—Jesus!	383
27	James 2:1-13	God's will is a unit, not a check-list.	326
29	Luke 15:1-10	Father's love seeks the straying or lost soul.	227
30	Luke 15:11-32	This father was steady in love and devotion.	384

July

1	James 2:14-26	Saving faith has vigor, vitality, and muscles.	396
2	Joshua 24:14-27	God's blessing is greater than our conviction.	334

3	Acts 3:1-16	The faith which comes through Him has given—	380
<u>4</u>	1 Peter 5:5-11	How will we defend our house of faith?	413
6	1 Samuel 3:1-19	Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening to You!	296
7	Matthew 5:11-16	Jesus wants us to get our priorities straight.	16
8	Acts 4:8-31	What an example of love for our fellow-men!	340
9	2 Peter 1:2-15	Peter had learned his lesson well from Jesus.	421
10	Luke 6:27-42	Good value depends upon good motivation.	397
<u>11</u>	Romans 8:18-30	His plans encompass us from eternity to eternity.	411
13	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Samuel was sent to Bethlehem to select David.	59
14	Luke 7:36-50	In Jesus she found peace for her troubled heart.	324
15	Acts 5:17-42	God prospers those whose hearts live in Jesus.	428
16	Acts 9:32-43	Gospel miracles supported the gospel ministry.	489
17	Luke 5:1-11	The Word comes first; then a miracle may follow.	335
<u>18</u>	1 Peter 3:8-15	The life we live is His miracle of grace in us.	350
20	1 Samuel 24:1-20	David's generous spirit melted Saul's heart.	417
21	Mark 4:26-32	God is the gardener of our hearts and lives.	544
22	Acts 8:26-38	The trip to Gaza became the road to heaven.	495
23	Galatians 3:1-12	God loves us enough to get us past ourselves.	342
24	Matthew 5:20-26	Can you out-do the professional "do-gooder"?	321
<u>25</u>	Romans 6:3-14	Where Jesus is alive, it's no longer a cemetery.	429
27	1 Kings 3:4-15	God is pleased with His child's devotion.	433
28	Matthew 19:16-26	Trying to earn heaven is a sure disaster.	554
29	Mark 8:1-9	Jesus has compassion on us in our daily lives.	20
30	Romans 6:19-23	Don't get tricked out of God's GIFT to you!	89
31	Acts 9:1-19	Saul is a good illustration of God's grace.	342

☞ August ☞

<u>1</u>	Acts 10:1-33	Souls are saved one-by-one, not wholesale.	301
3	Jeremiah 23:16-22	Nobody wanted to hear the bad news.	470
4	Matthew 10:32-42	Lord, strengthen us for the daily warfare!	472
5	Acts 12:1-17	James, Peter, and the congregation suffered.	478
6	Acts 16:16-34	People squeal under pressures from the world.	518
7	Matthew 7:15-23	The bad fruit of a false teacher is his doctrine.	264
<u>8</u>	Romans 8:12-17	We are flooded by the waters of His blessing.	409
10	Proverbs 16:1-9	Our friend Solomon says what God says.	17
11	Matthew 13:44-52	God is busy salvaging other souls, too.	14
12	Acts 17:16-34	All man-made religion is Satan's deception.	2
13	2 Thessalonians 3:1-13	Discipleship has primary and secondary levels.	395
14	Luke 16:1-13	Let us be dedicated in using our resources!	441
<u>15</u>	1 Corinthians 10:6-13	Bad examples and illustrations help us learn.	462
17	Jeremiah 7:1-15	Do you lend a helping hand to false practice?	261
18	Luke 12:49-56	How heavily Jesus' heart was burdened!	142
19	Acts 14:8-20	Superstition is Satan's booby-trapped minefield.	78
20	Acts 20:17-38	Why do we need warnings all the time?	68
21	Luke 19:41-48	Idolatry also through misuse of God's house—	1
<u>22</u>	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	God is still functional in Christian hearts.	5
24	Daniel 9:8-19	Repent, confess, and plead for mercy!	242

25	Mark 12:41-44	Only two coins, and both given for God's use!	434
26	Acts 15:4-22	Justification is the mother of sanctification.	421
27	1 Timothy 6:6-12	"Prosperity" is a modern Televangelist lure.	406
28	Luke 18:9-14	Don't sour God's recipe with spoiled additives!	389
<u>29</u>	1 Corinthians 15:1-10	God's grace (and grace alone) saves us.	373
31	Psalms 62	This psalm divides naturally into five parts.	238

☞ September ☞

1	John 8:37-45	Jesus leveled their shabby refuge from the storm.	608
2	Acts 16:9-15	We shall find these folks awaiting us in heaven.	618
3	James 3:1-18	Bad-mouthing sends shrapnel far and wide.	395
4	Mark 7:31-37	Jesus took time to heal both his afflictions.	340
<u>5</u>	2 Corinthians 3:4-11	The old fades away in the face of the new.	345
7	Proverbs 4:4-27	Thank God for His guidance in wisdom!	234
8	John 9:24-41	Sin-blinded hearts lose God by rejecting Jesus.	498
9	Luke 10:23-27	The child of God has better than 20/20 vision.	439
10	Acts 18:1-17	Paul started with folks who knew God's Word.	48
11	1 Peter 2:1-10	Have we thrown away all of Satan's deceptions?	262
<u>12</u>	Galatians 3:15-22	Jesus has given us His superiority over Law.	170
14	Psalms 63:1-8	We also thirst for God's loving-kindness.	104
15	Matthew 20:20-28	The key to greatness is willingness to serve.	429
16	Acts 21:3-19	The issue: did Jesus do enough to placate God?	353
17	2 Corinthians 4:1-18	Paul could bounce back under tribulation.	427
18	Luke 17:11-19	We return to thank You, Jesus, our Savior!	396
<u>19</u>	Galatians 5:16-25	Empowered by the Spirit — or by human nature?	383
21	1 Kings 17:1-16	Three years without rain? Lord, have mercy!	571
22	Luke 12:15-23	Where is your treasure, dear Christian?	469
23	Acts 21:40-22:22	God gave great riches to poor, blind Paul.	296
24	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Rich in grace and liberal in sharing—	36
25	Matthew 6:24-34	How shall we live, then?	24
<u>26</u>	Galatians 5:26-6:10	We farm so as to harvest blessings for others.	229
28	Job 5:17-26	True it is that God chastens His children.	394
29	Luke 9:46-56	Serving so as to save avoids these pot-holes.	384
30	Acts 23:1-17	Forty thugs went on a crash diet.	362

☞ October ☞

1	Hebrews 12:14-24	We are headed for a home with angels.	618
2	Luke 7:11-17	Lord, please keep up Your good work among us!	410
<u>3</u>	Ephesians 3:14-21	Pray out of love for the Father's entire family!	459
5	Psalms 138	Praying is our soul's natural cadence.	458
6	Luke 9:57-62	Let us see not what we lose but what we gain!	430
7	Acts 24:1-27	Felix's window of opportunity soon closed.	279
8	Hebrews 6:1-15	Being well grounded in the ABC's of Christianity—	652
9	Luke 14:1-11	Our motto: "What can I do to help others?"	509
<u>10</u>	Ephesians 4:1-6	It's attitude, attitude, and attitude.	223
12	Lamentations 3:22-40	His compassions are new every morning!	537

13	Matthew 13:31-37	Lessons from seeds and bakery yeast—	49
14	Acts 26:13-32	What a blessing to be stopped from sinning!	378
15	Hebrews 10:22-39	God grant that Act One be followed by Act Two!	406
16	Matthew 22:34-46	Why is this not an easy choice?	608
17	1 Corinthians 1:4-9	Christian living validates God's directorship.	244
19	Hosea 14:1-9	See how God responds to apology!	25
20	Luke 18:1-8	Verse 8 closes with an ominous note.	606
21	Romans 14:14-23	In every situation be concerned for others!	395
22	Colossians 4:2-9	Pray for the missionary and for yourself!	245
23	Matthew 9:1-8	Forgiveness always has top priority with God.	122
24	Ephesians 4:17-32	A garden of weeds – or God's plantings?	19
26	Proverbs 2:1-15	Experience is a good teacher—but expensive!	47
27	John 8:23-36	Who is Jesus? Isaiah knew Him in His mission.	142
28	1 Corinthians 9:13-23	Paul adapted to every situation—to save some.	165
29	Hebrews 13:1-21	May the God of peace make you complete!	401
30	Matthew 18:21-35	God sees us (in love) at our worst moments.	376
31	Philippians 1:3-11	We remain God's work-in-progress.	262

November

2	Psalm 126	Jesus brings the full harvest of eternal life.	614
3	John 5:19-26	Jesus is the Father's earthly circuit Judge.	610
4	1 Timothy 4:1-11	Rescued through God's servant Martin Luther—	267
5	Hebrews 4:1-13	The Word of God is His power transmission-line.	52
6	Matthew 11:20-30	Miracles in our own Area Zip-Code!	238
7	Galatians 5:1-15	The Law-route leads to fatal roadside ambush.	379
9	Ecclesiastes 7:3-9	God turns us from silliness to sober conduct.	399
10	John 10:22-30	Jesus and Father are ONE: in God's math 1+1=1.	481
11	2 Timothy 3:1-17	In these last days of sore distress—	292
12	James 4:1-17	God may cancel all of tomorrow's appointments.	591
13	Matthew 9:18-26	Jesus can do with His Law as He pleases to do.	117
14	Colossians 1:9-18	Everything is covered in Jesus, A through Z!	42
16	Psalm 39	O Lord, I cannot face another day without You!	24
17	Matthew 10:16-28	We stand somewhere in the learning curve.	18
18	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	Safe as long as we stand fast on God's Word—	261
19	1 John 2:12-19	Tomorrow will never come for today's obituaries.	590
20	Matthew 24:15-28	Jesus does not bring an earthly paradise.	58
21	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Dying=keeping our appointment with Jesus.	588
23	Isaiah 65:12-19	Is death our condemnation, or is it our blessing?	589
24	Luke 19:11-27	"Wicked" means those who never loved Jesus.	593
25	Luke 12:35-46	In parables Jesus illustrates stark reality.	562
26	Thanksgiving 2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Thanks be to Jesus for making us His partners in giving, sharing, and ministering!	568
27	2 Timothy 4:1-8	May God grant us shares in Paul's style of life!	537
28	Revelation 21:1-8	Oh, blessed vision of that wonderful reunion!	533
30	Psalm 40:5-17	Here we are in God's salvation-kingdom!	462

December

1	Genesis 3:1-15	In Eden the third voice heard was Satan's voice. 282
2	Luke 17:20-30	Amid the destruction, Noah and Lot were saved. 377
3	Romans 2:12-24	Verse sixteen is the key to the Kingdom. 68
4	Romans 13:11-14	The future of our degenerate world is at stake. 69
5	Revelation 1:4-8	We are bolstered to see ourselves as God does. 98
7	Genesis 9:1-17	Cleansing through the use of water is not new—298
8	Isaiah 55:1-13	The closing verses sound a lot like Christmas. 106
9	Luke 13:18-30	God has superior tactics in how He functions. 97
10	Romans 3:1-18	God has His cure for sin and unbelief. 37
11	Revelation 2:1-7	Love for doctrine and love for souls are twins. 65
12	Romans 15:4-13	The Apostle draws us close to the heart of Jesus. 348
14	Genesis 22:1-18	God still transmits His blessings via the "Seed." 40
15	Haggai 2:2-9	This shaky tent-world closes to gates of glory. 546
16	John 12:35-50	Jesus was programmed to shine in glory. 347
17	Matthew 11:2-10	John was spokesman for Father and for Son. 60
18	Romans 10:11-18	Religion that is "less" is not the true religion. 68
19	Revelation 3:1-13	Jesus, come to our rescue quickly! 67
21	Revelation 3:14-22	A person who has just died is lukewarm, too. 420
22	Hebrews 2:1-18	Jesus saves both FROM and UNTO. 272
23	1 John 4:1-6	Christmas is the clash of Truth against error. 93
24	Christmas Eve: Luke 1:35; 2:8-20; Galatians 4:4-5; Romans 5:18-19	98
25	Christmas Day: John 1:1-14	In the beginning . . . and forever— 91
26	Isaiah 12:1-6	Is today not the day of the Lord? 102
28	Matthew 23:34-39	God has had a tough history with humanity. 526
29	John 8:12-19	Ignorance vs. insight! Desert vs. paradise! 363
30	Jude 17-25	Let's work to pull others out of the fire! 281
31	Luke 4:16-21	As the year draws to its close, let us spend this day at the feet of Jesus, with His voice reaching our ears from the pages of His own biography, the Bible. He spoke through Isaiah, and He speaks to us—that He has power to heal, redeem, and salvage souls.

This has been the acceptable year of the Lord
because He is still the Lord, our Righteousness, our Savior!

***God grant us a blessed new year!
Amen; Jesus, hear us! — Hymn 123***



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