

The LORD is surpassingly rich in His grace. (Isaiah) He is full of mercy and abundant pardon. His ways and thoughts, higher than ours, surpass all human understanding. In our way of thinking, you get what you earn. Not so in the Kingdom of God. (Matthew) Our heavenly Father rewards all by grace; those who work long and hard receive the same mercy, love, and life as those who penitently turn to Him at the eleventh hour. It's never too late for the love of God; we may call on Him while He is near. Thus the faithful are sustained in life and in death. (Philippians) To depart and be with Christ is the best of all; yet to remain in the body means fruitful labor in Christ. By the mercy of God, to live is Christ, and to die is gain

#### WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and thanksgivings to our heavenly Father.

Sunday	Isaiah 55:6-9 Where is the LORD to be found? When is He near? What will penitent sinners find when they turn to the LORD? Why do we have difficulty understanding the ways of the LORD? Why is there comfort in knowing His ways are different than ours?
Monday	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 Why was the apostle thankful for the congregation in Philippi (see vv. 1-5)? What partnership did they share? How is this done? What confidence did the apostle have in the face of death? What unfulfilled mission did he have? What is conduct worthy of the gospel of Christ? How is this done?
Tuesday	Matthew 20:1-16 How many different shifts did the laborers work? What surprise came when the pay was handed out? How did the vineyard owner explain his pay scale? How does God reward those who work in His vineyard? What does this mean?
Wednesday	Psalm 27:1-9 What is the believer's confidence in the face of fear? Why may we be confident even while under attack? What is the unique place the LORD dwells on earth? Why is it a particular place of peace and solace? Why do you go to church? Why ought you go to church? How is this done?
Thursday	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 For what does the LORD hold each soul accountable? What is His judgment against the impenitent righteous sinner? On behalf of the penitent wicked sinner? What do we need after we have rid ourselves of sin by repentance? How is this done? What path leads to death? To life? What does this mean?
Friday	Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18 How is our life in Christ and our fellowship in the Spirit expressed and shown? How do vanity and selfish ambition destroy the unity of the church and sabotage its mission? How does the mind of Christ direct His church?
Saturday	Matthew 21:23-32 Which of the two sons did his father's will? What change of mind did he have? What change of mind and heart do we need in order to do our heavenly Father's will? How is this done? When and how is the way of righteousness preached among us? What does this mean?