

in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has redeemed us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

God of all wisdom and understanding, we thank you for redeeming us and transferring us in the kingdom of your beloved Son. This week, may we be humble witnesses to your grace in word and in deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WEEK 7: OCTOBER 24-29

- ☐ Monday: 1 Peter/2 Peter
- ☐ Tuesday: 1 John/2 John/3 John/Jude
- ☐ Wednesday: Revelation 1-5
- ☐ Thursday: Revelation 6-11
- ☐ Friday: Revelation 12-16
- ☐ Saturday: Revelation 17-21

Sunday, October 30, 2023

Reformation Sunday

Dr. Raymond Picket is guest speaker
(Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Rector)

1 Peter: By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

God of Salvation, we come to you with gratefulness for your blessing over our lives. Thank you for pure, heavenly inheritance through your mercy in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fill us with faith, hope, and love for our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Dana Point, California

NEW TESTAMENT READING PLAN

7 WEEKS (September 12 - October 30, 2022)

Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament,

"The September Bible."

WEEK 1: SEPTEMBER 12 - 17

- ☐ Monday: Matthew 1-5
- ☐ Tuesday: Matthew 6-12
- ☐ Wednesday: Matthew 13-18
- ☐ Thursday: Matthew 19-24
- ☐ Friday: Matthew 25-28
- ☐ Saturday: Mark 1-8

Sunday off

Matthew 7 says, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

Gracious God, would you fill us with a bold spirit to ask, search, and knock as we pursue your Word through these weeks. Open our hearts to the newness you promise through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEEK 2: SEPTEMBER 19 - 24

- ☐ Monday: Mark 9-16
- ☐ Tuesday: Luke 1-5
- ☐ Wednesday: Luke 6-10
- ☐ Thursday: Luke 11-15
- ☐ Friday: Luke 16-20
- ☐ Saturday: Luke 21-24

Sunday off

Luke 15 says, "'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be

more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

Loving Father, embrace us with the joy of heaven! Rejoice over our repentance from sin as only You can, Lord. Help us to remember always that you love us enough to search the wilderness for your sheep until we are returned safely to you. Amen.

WEEK 3: SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 1

- ☐ Monday: John 1-5
- ☐ Tuesday: John 6-10
- ☐ Wednesday: John 11-16
- ☐ Thursday: John 17-21
- ☐ Friday: Acts of the Apostles 1-4
- ☐ Saturday: Acts of the Apostles 5-9

Sunday off

Acts 2 says, When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Holy Spirit of Tongues of Fire, we welcome your power. Come and empower our community to be the living and breathing word of your Spirit of the Lord. Rush in as the violent wind of heaven, fill the entire room, church, community, and world! Amen.

WEEK 4: OCTOBER 3 - 8

- ☐ Monday: Acts of the Apostles 10-14
- ☐ Tuesday: Acts of the Apostles 15-21
- ☐ Wednesday: Acts of the Apostles 22-28
- ☐ Thursday: Romans 1-8
- ☐ Friday: Romans 9-16
- ☐ Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1-5

Sunday off

Acts 12: Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Prince of Peace, break the chains which bind us. As you led Peter, lead us out of the prisons that we are captured in. Break the grip of the hands that hold us under their power and bring peace to our journeys. Amen.

WEEK 5: OCTOBER 10 - 15

- ☐ Monday: 1 Corinthians 6-11
- ☐ Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12-16
- ☐ Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 1-7
- ☐ Thursday: 2 Corinthians 8-13
- ☐ Friday: Galatians 1-6
- ☐ Saturday: Ephesians 1-6

Sunday off

1 Corinthians 13: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Lord of Love, bring hope to our hopeless places through love. Lead our lives with your truthful words, kind actions, and enduring joy. Slow our hearts and minds to your patient ways and in all things, may love spark belief in your goodness. Amen.

WEEK 6: OCTOBER 17 - 22

- ☐ Monday: Philippians 1-4; Colossians 1-4
- ☐ Tuesday: 1 and 2 Thesalonians
- ☐ Wednesday: 1 and 2 Timothy
- ☐ Thursday: Titus/Philemon/Hebrews 1-6
- ☐ Friday: Hebrews 7-13
- ☐ Saturday: James

Sunday off

Colossians 1: For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share