

**Sing** praise to the Lord with “Give Thanks.”

**Pray** for God to continue to work in this community of faith and in His Church throughout this region that in all things His supremacy would be shown. Ask the Father to glorify His Son through us and reconcile to Himself our neighbors, coworkers, family, and friends. Cry out to Him for this city and region to be a place where His name is honored above all else.

**Saturday, 11/18**

**Read Deuteronomy 26:16-19** and discuss the holiness God calls us to in Christ.

**Meditate** on God’s desire for us. Rejoice that in Christ we are being made to be the very desire of His heart.

“The LORD heard you when you spoke to me and the LORD said to me, ‘I have heard what this people said to you. Everything they said was good. Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!’” 5:28-29

**Prepare** today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

**Sing** praise to the Lord with “Give Thanks”

**Pray** for your neighbors, co-workers, and family members who are still strangers to Christ that they will be overcome by His grace.

# Taking Gathered Worship Home



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## Family and Individual Devotions Meditations in Deuteronomy

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*Fruits of Devotion.*

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## Daily Devotionals

**T**he God who has given us all that we have commands us to give Him the “firstfruits” of our labor. What should that look like in our modern lives? He shows us through His Word that He is bidding us to enter into life in all the blessings we receive from Him with devotion to Him above all else. That He should be our first thought, our greatest joy, the affection of our hearts. All of His requirements for our giving to Him (tithe, offerings, service, everything) has this at its heart. Let us cast aside our legalistic notions of giving. Let us be done with our hard-hearted neglect of giving back to the Lord what is His. Only then will we discover the joy of giving as He intended—as acts of worship.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

**Sunday, 11/12** Read today’s passage: **Deuteronomy 26:1-15** and consider what it means for God to be sovereign.

**Sing** praise to our King with “I Lift My Eyes Up.” *Doerksen 1*

I lift my eyes up to the mountains.	Oh, how I need You, Lord.
Where does my help come from?	You are my only hope.
My help comes from You,	You're my only prayer; So, I will wait for You
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.	To come and rescue me. Come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from?

**Pray** for God to open our eyes to see Him as He truly is. Ask Him to enable us to give Him what He is worth in our praise.

**Monday, 11/13** Recite together **Psalm 111**.

“Praise the LORD! I will thank the LORD with all my heart as I meet with his godly people. How amazing are the deeds of the LORD! All who delight in him should ponder them. Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails. Who can forget the wonders he performs? How gracious and merciful is our LORD! He gives food to those who trust him; he always remembers his covenant. He has shown his great power to his people by giving them the lands of other nations. All he does is just and good, and all his commandments are trustworthy. They are forever true, to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity. He has paid a full ransom for his people. He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has! Reverence for the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. The rewards of wisdom come to all who obey him. Praise his name forever!”

**Pray**, “Lord God, You alone are worthy of our praise, worship, and adoration.

We desire to glorify You with all that we are. Work in us Holy Spirit to bring honor to the name of Christ in our families, workplaces, city, and nation.”

**Meditate** on God’s faithful provision for us.

**Sing** *Give Thanks* (words to right).

**Tuesday, 11/14** Read **Malachi 3:1-18**. What were the people stealing from God?

**Pray** for God to forgive us for the ways we neglect His commands and steal.

**Sing** “He Is Exalted” *Paris<sup>3</sup>*

He is exalted, The King is exalted on high;	He is the Lord; Forever His truth shall reign.
I will praise Him. He is exalted,	Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
Forever exalted, and I will praise His name!	He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

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**Wednesday, 11/15** Read **Deuteronomy 26:1-15** again. What should be our motive for keeping God’s commandments?

**Recite** Psalm 111 and meditate upon the Lord’s mighty redemption.

**Pray**, “Teach us to obey You out of love instead of self-preservation. Teach us to love You with all our being. Capture our hearts and never let them wander from You Lord, we beg of You, to enflame our hearts with love for You.”

**Sing** praise to the Lord with “Give Thanks” *Smith<sup>2</sup>*

Give thanks	And now let the weak say,
With a grateful heart,	“I am strong.”
Give thanks to the Holy One;	Let the poor say, “I am rich”
Give thanks because He’s given	Because of what
Jesus Christ, His Son.	The Lord has done for us.
<i>(repeat)</i>	<i>(repeat)</i>

Give thanks.

**Thursday, 11/16** Read **First Corinthians 15:1-28**. How is the idea of “firstfruits” applied to Christ? To us?

**Recite** Psalm 111 and meditate upon the “wonders performed” by Christ.

**Sing** “He Is Exalted”

**Pray** “Almighty God, You have given us all that we have. You have been faithful to all your promises to our fathers before us. We confess that we have not kept Your law. We have neglected Your ways and taken Your blessings for granted, even praising others for what we have received from Your hand. Forgive us and change us Lord we pray. Amen.”

**Friday, 11/17** Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30**.

**Read James 5:1-12**. What was their wealth supposed to be used for? What about yours?

**Discuss** how we are both to enjoy God’s blessings and not horde them.