**MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Revelation 12:10-11**

*Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*

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## MONDAY, AUGUST 15

***Read Revelation 10***

1. In verse 4, "… write them not" was the command given to John. Why? Are all people to understand God's Word? See John 12:28-29.
2. "Take it and eat it." (Verse 9). Where have we seen this commandment given to an earlier prophet (Ezekiel 3:1-3)? What does this mean? Who gave the scroll to John?
3. What was the commission given specifically to John (verse 11)? Is he a faithful prophet?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, let me be an obedient servant and to share Your Word with the people You have placed in my life's path.***

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

***Read Revelation 11***

1. In verse 1, what was John told to do? What is God's measuring rod? How do we at Faith Lutheran measure up?
2. Verse 10 describes the world's celebration at the death of what? Scriptures say that the witnesses had been a _____ to them. Is the world today tormented by the Gospel? Think of some examples.
3. What final event in this world's history is described in Verses 15-19? How does the passage in verse 15 ("… he shall reign forever and ever") relate to Jesus' temptation found in Matthew 4, 8-9?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, give me Your Spirit of love and obedience that I might measure up to Your heavenly standards as I follow You in this world.***

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

***Read Revelation 12***

1. The woman mentioned in verse 1 represents what? Did the audience of Revelation cry out in pain and agony when they delivered the Word of Christ to the lost and fallen world? How would they receive the news of verse 5?
2. To what event does Revelation 12:4 and verses 7-10 refer? See also Jude 1:6. Who wins?
3. Verse 17 explains Satan's enmity towards us believers. Are evil entities actively fighting against you? Is that a good thing or a bad thing? Why?

- **Prayer:** ***God, thank You for giving me the strength and vision to keep Your commandments, to measure up to Your standards, and to hold a clear Christian testimony to the world around me.***

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

***Read Revelation 13***

1. What is significant about the way the beast is described?
2. The second beast performs great signs and "it deceives those who dwell on earth." This includes heresies, philosophies, and theoretical schools of thought. Can you think of some "great signs" that are performed today that lead people astray?
3. Most Americans are somewhat familiar with verses 17 and 18. Some people believe that eventually we will all be "marked" with an RFID device that will identify us to businesses and authorities. What do you think?

- **Prayer:** ***Jesus, let me take comfort in Your Words even when I don't always understand them. Give me a sense of peace and trust in You instead of in my own cleverness and understanding.***

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

***Read Revelation 14***

1. The scene shifts from Satan to the Lamb in Chapter 14 and His followers. What marks the believer? What were they doing? Describe the heavenly song.
2. John describes three angels. The first says to fear God. The second declares the end of the passion of the world. What does the third angel announce?
3. Verses 14-20 describe the harvest. It seems to imply that Jesus' followers are harvested first (along with tares - see Matthew 13:24-43). There is a second harvest, again implying some remnant of believers (newly confessing after seeing the first harvest?). The third harvest is of the grapes, the fruit that matures last. What happens to it? What verse from the Battle Hymn of the Republic refers to this judgment?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, give me Your passion for the lost that they may not fall into the harvest of the grapes.***

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

***Read Revelation 15***

1. Contrast the sea in verse 2 with the sea in 13:1. In which sea would you rather be swimming? Why? What so amazed the disciples in Luke 8:25?
2. The worshippers sang the "song of Moses… and the song of the Lamb." What songs are these? Are they in harmony? What did Jesus say in Matthew 5:18?
3. In verse 7, John has a vision of "seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God..." How would you reconcile this image to an unbeliever who says that a God of Love could not set up this sadistic type of punishment?

- **Prayer***: Lord, I praise Your Name and thank You for paying the price for my eternal salvation.*