



## Daily Devotion



*“As the rain and snow come down from heaven...so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth.” Isaiah 55:10-11*

It rained here yesterday and our church building became wet. But not all of it. When rain comes, much of the building always gets wet, but parts of it remain bone dry. These are the places where the gentle rains do not come in contact with the building. The only time these parts of the building become wet with rain is when a windstorm accompanies the rain and blows it from a different direction.

Church members in every congregation are like this. There are members who, by God’s grace, are always getting wet with the good news of Jesus. The Gospel rain gently falls from heaven and wets them with the forgiveness of their sin, with life and salvation.

But even as these members are always getting wet, other members never get wet. They remain dry because the sweet rain of the Gospel never reaches them. They continually stay away from the Jesus’ Word and Sacraments. But God, in mercy, sometimes allows a fierce windstorm to accompany the rain. He allows trouble, even tragedy, to enter their lives which brings them to their knees and to the preaching of God’s Word. What a joy when these members who were dry for years, not only become wet through a fierce rainstorm, but when they are then regularly and faithfully made wet with the sweet, gentle rains of Jesus.

*Your Word, O Lord, is like sweet, gentle rain to my soul. Never let me become dry by my refusing to hear Your Gospel and by my absence at Your Communion Table, but keep me wet in the waters of my baptism by bringing to my ears the good news of Your salvation. Amen.*