



## Midweek Meditation



*"Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it." Luke 11:28*

*You must always have the Word of God in your heart, on your lips, and in your ears. Where the heart is idle and the Word does not ring out, the devil breaks in and has done damage before we are aware of it. On the other hand, such is the power of the Word, if it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used that it is never without fruit. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devotion and purifies the heart and thoughts. For these are not inert or dead but active and living words. **Martin Luther***

It is human nature for us to cling more tightly to something that is being pulled from our grasp. It should be clear, therefore, that God is using this pandemic to pull away from us the very Word itself. This is a gracious work He is doing, for He knows how slight has been our grasp of His Word. Not that He wants to remove it from us, but He wants us to love it more than we have, hear it more, meditate on it more, declare it more. He has not left us without the Word while we have sheltered in place. Many, perhaps more than before this pandemic, are gladly worshiping at home through the means available to them. When He once again allows us to publicly gather to hear the preached Word and eat and drink it sacramentally, we will see how God richly blesses us by bringing great goodness out of these dark days.

*Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, for round us falls the eventide. O let Your Word, that saving light, shine forth undimmed into the night. Amen.*