



Living in community with Christ is a fundamental aspect of the Christian faith. It involves being part of a group of believers who support one another, share community resources, and engage in worship together. This communal life is not just about attending services, but about living out one's faith in tangible ways with others.

The early church exemplified this by being united in doctrine and life, sharing everything they had and praying for one another. This community is a testament to the love of Christ and the transformative power of community in the life of a believer.

Baptismal Promises

- 1. I will live among God's faithful people;*
- 2. I will hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;*
- 3. I will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;*
- 4. I will serve all people following the example of Jesus;*
- 5. I will strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

Week 7 August 24-30, 2026 - Community: *Walking in the Light*

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Gathering Song [I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light](#) (ELW 815, WOV 649)

Daily Prayer *Jesus, Jesus you are with me as I step into this day.*

Let me hear you gently calling, "Precious child, walk this way."

Jesus, Jesus when I hear you, calling me to follow you,

In that hour, give me grace to love my neighbor like you do. Amen.

Scripture: 1 John 1:7 Context: 5-7 Walking in the Light

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Devotional Thoughts

Have you ever opened the curtains on a warm, spring day and discovered that the window really needs to be cleaned? And as you turn around to grab your cleaning supplies, you notice all the dust from the curtains floating around in the air. Suddenly you realize that the room looks worse than before!

But the truth is, the light that filtered in from the window didn't cause the dust, it just revealed it. The dust had always been there; it just wasn't visible when the beams weren't present. The light was revealing the truth, and in this case, the dust that needed to be wiped away.

This is a lot like the light of Christ in our lives. We can sometimes feel like following the path of Christ can reveal things about ourselves that we don't necessarily like, things we don't want to see or don't want others to see. But the light of Christ doesn't shine to make us feel shame, it reveals to us that we need each other. We need others to help lead us, guide us and show us the way, just like we need the love of Christ.

This Week's Challenge?

Do you see the light of Christ burning in those around you? Do you recognize that light, and tell others when it is revealed? How can we be better light revealers for the communities that we serve and share God's Word in? We are called to be like Jesus in our work and our play. We are children of the light of Christ. Show us the way, Lord, light our paths.

Affirmation of Christian Vocation: Make the sign of the cross on your forehead (or if you are doing this devotion with others, make the sign on the forehead of another) while saying...

All that we do belongs to God—our work and our rest.

We follow Jesus with thankful hearts and open hands, serving our neighbor in love.

Morning and evening, at work and at play, our life is in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN