

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of Exaudi, The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12 – May 18, AD 2024

When God first created man, He immediately placed him in the garden to work the ground and care for it. Before the Fall this work was nothing but pleasant and joyous. Adam cheerfully tended the world which God created and it cheerfully yielded up its bounty to him. The Fall certainly changed that. Now it is only by hard and dangerous toil, by sweat and blood, that man is able to have his food because sin afflicted all of creation. As the redeemed, our work is still fraught with difficulty and with danger, but we know that the Lord will give us our daily bread and that our work, done in faith, is pleasing in God's sight. Work is again a joy because we know and understand that we are laboring in the vineyard of God, putting our hands to every useful task according to the skills and abilities God has given us. Whatever our vocation or job, we know that we are serving the Lord who loves us and has redeemed us by His Blood. We know that we have been set free from laboring for our salvation. Now our labor can serve the high and holy calling of blessing our neighbor. So let us not grumble about work. Let us repent of thinking of work as something bad and instead rejoice to be laborers in the Lord's kingdom, serving as His hands of mercy to our neighbors all around us.

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Table of Duties

To Workers of All Kinds

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. **Ephesians 6:5-8**

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

1 John 4:19 – We love because He first loved us.

Psalm 107:1-9

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" (LSB 498)

<https://youtu.be/uSRqmj8aA3s?si=0pdArkAobz7bHnQG>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF EXAUDI

① SUNDAY	JOHN 15:26-16:4	
② MONDAY	MATTHEW 28:16-20	DANIEL 7:9-14
③ TUESDAY	MARK 16:9-20	JOSHUA 1:1-9
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 2:1-13	GENESIS 11:1-9
⑤ THURSDAY	ACTS 2:14-21	ISAIAH 43:5-13
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 2:22-36	PSALM 68:18-20, 32-35
⑦ SATURDAY	ACTS 2:37-47	ISAIAH 58:1-2, 6-9

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Cassanova (Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Jesse Lowery (Navy), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Thanksgiving for Mark Traugott's return home from the hospital
- Matt Dickson and sons Mateo and Levi in preparation for confirmation and baptism next Sunday
- Baptismal Birthdays: Michael Wueller (12); Sommer Starr (15)
- Birthdays: Kaye Hartfield, Winston Tiro (14); Matt Gefaller (15); Tristana Tiro (18)
- Leah Savage and Rebekah Burns for protection of mother and child in pregnancy
- Alissa Ulmer, Doug Drawe, Ethan Sims, Mary Hart, Mark Traugott, Dony Reaves, Antonia, Devin Jackson, Kay, Margie Best, Kristen Horn, Chris Purcell, Pam Farrow, Gail Sellers, Jim Graff, Todd Hauth, Mary Cone, Luella Terry.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: Table of Duties – To Employers and Supervisors: Ephesians 6:9, To Youth: 1 Peter 5:5-6

The Day of Pentecost – May 19, 2024

Hymns: 768, 497, 659, 633, 824, 500, 498

Readings: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

