

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The First Sunday after Trinity
June 2 – June 8, AD 2024

The first commandment is the commandment that governs all the rest. We can only keep the other nine if we can keep the first and keeping the other nine is what it looks like to keep the first. The truth is that we have lots of other gods - things, people, ideas, and pleasures that we hold of higher value in our heart than God. And you can see how this is true of yourself when you consider every time that you have tried to justify or excuse thinking, speaking, or acting in any way other than God has commanded. We try to pretend as though the waters are muddy when they are not. We come up with elaborate stories to explain why we were totally justified in not coming to church. We paint the actions and intentions of others as poorly as we possibly can to justify our anger. We watch and listen to and say inappropriate things under the guise of Christian freedom and standing against legalism. But God sees through it all. He is not fooled by our feeble rationalizations. Either we trust Him implicitly with every fiber of our being or we do not. The commandments show us with complete clarity that we most certainly do not. And our excuses only further condemn us because they ultimately say that God was wrong. Repent. Let the commandments reveal your false gods and get rid of them. Flee to Christ whose perfect fear, love, and trust of the Father led Him to the cross to make full payment for your idolatry so that you may know that God is merciful toward all who repent and cling to Christ.

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.

The Ten Commandments

The First Commandment - You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

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

Proverbs 3:5 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Psalm 145

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"If God Himself Be for Me" (LSB 724)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gT5Gb8KiVmw>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	LUKE 16:19-31	
② MONDAY	ACTS 8:26-40	ROMANS 1:1-17
③ TUESDAY	ACTS 9:1-9	ROMANS 1:18-32
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 9:10-22	ROMANS 2:1-10
⑤ THURSDAY	ACTS 9:23-31	ROMANS 2:11-16
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 9:32-43	ROMANS 2:17-29
⑦ SATURDAY	ACTS 10:1-23	ROMANS 3:1-9

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Faith, Plano, as they recover from wind damage and flooding to their narthex.
- Birthdays: Cassandra Tiro (3); Ethan Sims (8).
- Baptismal Birthdays: Winston Tiro (4).
- Wedding Anniversaries: Marc and Rachel Schwiesow, Kurt and Alissa Ulmer (2); James and Carol Long (6).
- 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, Kay, Margie Best, Kristen Horn, Chris Purcell, Gail Sellers, Jim Graff, Todd Hauth, Mary Cone, Luella Terry, Devin Jackson.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – The Second Petition

The Second Sunday after Trinity – June 9, 2024

Hymns: 901, 622, 696, 627, 730, 724, 510

Readings: Proverbs 9:1-10, Ephesians 2:13-22, Luke 14:15-24

