

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Third Sunday after Trinity  
June 16 – June 22, AD 2024

In your Baptism, a rescue mission was carried out on your behalf. Conceived and born in slavery, you were Satan's prisoner bound with the iron chains of your guilt. You had no way out. It was impossible for you to save yourself. But the Lord Jesus came down to earth to offer His sinless life in payment for your sin. His life for yours. He charged right into the midst of your captor and let the devil do his worst, nailing Jesus to the cross. But in doing so, the devil actually provided the very means by which you were set free. Once the debt was paid, there was nothing left to hold you in slavery. In your Baptism, Christ took all that He had done and accomplished on the cross and poured it over your head, dissolving the chains that bound you. He sets you free. In the font, you were snatched out of the kingdom of Satan and brought as a child into the kingdom of God. This was all done as a gift to you. You owe nothing for it. You have nothing that could buy it. God wants you to have it and simply believe that He has done in Baptism everything He has promised - forgiven your sins, rescued you from death and the devil, and given you eternal life. Treasure your Baptism. Repent of despising or doubting its rich benefits and use it well as a shield against temptation.

## **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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Part 2 and Part 3**

### **Second**

*What benefits does Baptism give?* It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

*Which are these words and promises of God?* Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." **(Mark 16:16)**

### **Second**

*How can water do such great things?* Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified

by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

## 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

***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=qT5Gb8KiVmw>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	LUKE 15:1-31	
② MONDAY	ACTS 13:42—14:7	ROMANS 6:1-7
③ TUESDAY	ACTS 14:8-28	ROMANS 6:8-14
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 15:1-21	ROMANS 6:15-23
⑤ THURSDAY	ACTS 15:22-35	ROMANS 7:1-12
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 15:36—16:15	ROMANS 7:13-25
⑦ SATURDAY	ACTS 16:16-34	ROMANS 8:1-11

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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

- Those in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Pete Kuns.
- James Long, who is in the hospital undergoing testing.
- Addelyn, granddaughter of the Traugotts who has undergone medical testing and is awaiting the results.
- Carsten, grandson of the Traugotts who is suffering from pneumonia.
- Baptismal Birthdays: Jake Johnson (17); Teche Thibodeaux (19); Amy Dorrell (21)
- Birthdays: Mark Traugott (16).
- Leah Savage and Rebekah Burns for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Alissa Ulmer, Doug Drawe, Ethan Sims, Mary Hart, Dony Reaves, Antonia, Margie Best, Chris Purcell, Gail Sellers, Jim Graff, Mary Cone, Luella Terry, Devin Jackson.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

**Catechism:** The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Part 4

**The Fourth Sunday after Trinity – June 23, 2024**

**Hymns:** 913, 696, 724, 634, 719, 617, 923

**Readings:** Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 12:14-21; Luke 6:36-42

