

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
June 23 – June 29, AD 2024

In Holy Baptism we are made new. We can't see it. We may not even necessarily feel it. But your Old Adam, who loves sin, who wants you to disobey the Ten Commandments all the time, who doesn't want you to pray or read the Bible or go to church was drowned. He was put to death. The devil still wants you to believe that your sin is who you are but we all know that absolutely everything the devil says is a lie because he is the father of lies. You, as one who has been washed in the waters of the baptismal font, are a new creation. St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." That means that you have been given the Holy Spirit who leads you to love the Word of God, to love the Ten Commandments, to love to pray and read the Bible and go to church. This new man with these new desires is who you are. That's what God said in Baptism. You were dead in sin and trespasses. Now you are alive in Christ Jesus. You have been given the victory over sin and death. You are no longer a slave. You are free to live a life of love - love of God and love of neighbor. Strive now against that Old Adam who tries every day to lead you away from Christ and back into sin. By the strength of the Holy Spirit, drown the evil desires of the Old Adam in your Baptism, live in Baptism's forgiveness, and walk in the newness of life to the glory of the Name of God.

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 4

Fourth

What does baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (**Romans 6:4**)

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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	LUKE 6:36-42	
② MONDAY	ACTS 16:35-40 ¹	ROMANS 8:12-18
③ TUESDAY	ACTS 17:1-15	ROMANS 8:18-25
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 17:16-34	ROMANS 8:26-31
⑤ THURSDAY	ACTS 18:1-22	ROMANS 8:32-39
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 18:23 – 19:10	ROMANS 9:1-13
⑦ SATURDAY	ACTS 19:11-20 ²	ROMANS 9:14-30

¹ MONDAY – NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – LUKE 1:57-80

² SATURDAY – ST. PETER and ST. PAUL, APOSTLES – ACTS 15:1-21

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Joshan Savage (police officer), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), Elisabeth Handgraaf (paramedic), Will McCrillis, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Barry Schwiesow preparing for quintuple bypass surgery on June 28.
- James Long who successfully underwent bypass surgery last week.
- Baptismal Birthdays: Matthew Schwiesow (24); Theo Gefaller (27).
- Thanksgiving for the good test results and recovery of Addelyn and Carsten, the Traugott's grandchildren.
- Birthdays: Theo Gefaller (23); Cooper Thibodeaux, Pastor Ulmer (24); Marc Schwiesow (25); Tabitha Rose (29).
- Wedding Anniversaries: Shad and Autumn Reif (26).
- 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, Jim Graff, Mary Cone, Luella Terry, Devin Jackson, Karl Dornseifer.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: The Office of the Keys

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity – June 30, 2024

Hymns: 498, 688, 724, 619, 580, 655, 682

Readings: 1 Kings 19:11-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Luke 5:1-11

