

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
July 14 – July 20, AD 2024

The question is often asked, “Why are we asking for things that God already knows we need and has already prepared to give us?” We ask because WE need to be reminded of where ALL good things come from. We often get confused and think that they come from our efforts and hard work or from the government or from money. These are certainly some of the means by which God gives His good gifts but they are not the source. The apostle writes, “Every good and every perfect gift comes down from the Father of Lights.” (James 1:17) We have nothing good that does not come from our Heavenly Father - good weather, good health, peace, good government, food, clothing, shoes, a faithful spouse, obedient children. The reason we ask is that we often forget and look for our good from other sources. This is idolatry and a breaking of the First Commandment. In the Large Catechism, Luther writes on the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed, “So we learn from this article that none of us owns for himself, nor can preserve, his life nor anything that is here listed or can be listed. This is true no matter how small and unimportant a thing might be.” (LC, II, 16) And then in His explanation to the First Commandment Luther writes, “We are to trust in God alone and look to Him and expect from Him nothing but good. So, it is God alone from whom we receive all good and by whom we are delivered from all evil.” (LC I, 24) There is nothing you need that isn’t received from God’s good and gracious hand. So ask. Ask for your daily bread and receive it with thanksgiving from the God who created you and redeemed you and loves you abundantly.

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 Lord's Prayer – The Fourth Petition ***Given us this day our daily bread.***

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

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

Matthew 5:18 – For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Psalm 19

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"These Are the Holy Ten Commands" (LSB 581)

<https://youtu.be/GHBfs3Ynqlw?si=EfiKyY9r0xQa9Pzi>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	MARK 8:1-9	
② MONDAY	ACTS 26:12-32	ROMANS 15:7-13
③ TUESDAY	ACS 27:1-12	ROMANS 15:14-21
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 27:13-38	ROMANS 15:22-33
⑤ THURSDAY	ACTS 27:39—28:10	ROMANS 16:1-16
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 28:11-31	ROMANS 16:17-27
⑦ SATURDAY	MARK 1:1-13	JEREMIAH 1:4-10

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarois Casanova (Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Jesse Lowery (Navy), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Mary Cone as she nears the end of her life.
- Higher Things participants.
- Harold Thibodeaux, recently diagnosed with limb-girdle muscular dystrophy, and Matt and the boys as they wait for test results for the same inherited malady.
- Birthdays: Ruth Kun (20).
- Baptismal Birthdays: Pastor Ulmer (16).
- Leah Savage and Rebekah Burns for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Alissa Ulmer, Doug Drawe, Mary Hart, Dony Reaves, Antonia, Margie Best, Jim Graff, Luella Terry, Devin Jackson, Karl Dornseifer, Chris Purcell.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – The First Petition

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity – July 21, 2024

Hymns: 487, 745, 647, 636, 581, 655, 658

Readings: Jeremiah 23:16-29; Acts 20:27-38; Matthew 7:15-23

