

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
August 11 – August 17, AD 2024

We simply cannot hold our anger against one another and say at the same time that we believe God has forgiven us the impossibly huge debt of our own sin. When we refuse forgiveness to our neighbor and even our enemy and wish in our heart for God to deal with them according to their sin, we are asking God to do the same for us. “‘Vengeance is mine’, declares the Lord. ‘I will repay.’” (Deut. 32:35) If justice needs to be meted out, God will do it. If we desire and believe that God freely forgives us all our sins for the sake of Christ, then we ought to gladly do the same for those who sin against us. How foolish for us who have tasted the rich and abundant mercy of God’s forgiveness in Jesus to then hold another’s sins against them, especially the sins of our brothers and sisters in Christ! Can anyone’s sins against us in any way compare to our great and terrible rebellion against God Almighty? Do we want Him to give us what we deserve or do we want Him to give us exactly what we DON’T deserve - forgiveness, mercy, and compassion? Of course we desire His forgiveness. So, in repentant humility and the joy of Christ’s forgiving sacrifice, let us look in mercy and compassion on those who sin against us and freely forgive them all their sins.

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 Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

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

Psalm 73:26 – My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 92

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion" (LSB 559)

<https://youtu.be/L8XAjjiNZU9g?si=pWEE4zV3aZIRYLeo>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	LUKE 18:9-14	
② MONDAY	MARK 7:24-30	JEREMIAH 16:10-15
③ TUESDAY	MARK 7:31-37	JEREMIAH 17:5-18
④ WEDNESDAY	MARK 8:1-10	JEREMIAH 18:18-23
⑤ THURSDAY	MARK 8:11-21 ¹	JEREMIAH 20:7-18
⑥ FRIDAY	MARK 8:22-26	JEREMIAH 21:1-14
⑦ SATURDAY	MARK 8:27 – 9:1	JEREMIAH 22:1-10

¹ THURSDAY, ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD – ISAIAH 61:7-11

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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 members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarois Cassanova (Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Jesse Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Birthdays celebrated this week – Eric Sims (13), Michelle Wueller (14), Jane Whistler (15).
- Baptismal Birthdays celebrated this week – Trevor Hendon (11), Chloe Hackbart (12), Geoff Hackbart (12), Gloria Lawrence (14).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week – Brian and Aimee Hendon (12), William and Lyndsey Slade (12).
- Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Alissa Ulmer, Doug Drawe, Mary Hart, Dony Reaves, Antonia, Margie Best, Devin Jackson, Chris Purcell, Matt Thibodeaux.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: The Apostles' Creed – the Third Article

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity – August 18, 2024

Hymns: 498, 545, 559, 623, 705, 824, 701

Readings: Isaiah 29:17-24; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Mark 7:31-37

