

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
August 18 – August 24, AD 2024

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit “the Comforter”. How does the Holy Spirit comfort us? He teaches us. He teaches us about Christ our Savior who bore our sins on the cross so that we might be forgiven. He teaches us that our eternal inheritance in heaven has been prepared and is being kept for us by Christ. He teaches us the truth about who we are and who God is. He teaches us the Ten Commandments so that we might know what is good and pleasing to God and avoid what is evil and harmful to us. These are the only things of true comfort because we are troubled by a guilty conscience in a world that is broken by sin. The only remedy for what causes us fear and worry is the salvation and life that Christ Jesus has won for us and brings to us. Warm feelings and good advice are not comfort. Christ is comfort and the Holy Spirit gives us comfort by giving us Christ through the preaching and teaching of His Word. God the Holy Spirit grant to us this true and eternal comfort.

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 Apostles’ Creed – The Third Article

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| ① SUNDAY | MARK 7:31-37 | |
| ② MONDAY | MARK 9:2-13 | JEREMIAH 22:11-19 |
| ③ TUESDAY | MARK 9:14-32 | JEREMIAH 23:1-8 |
| ④ WEDNESDAY | MARK 9:33-50 | JEREMIAH 23:9-24 |
| ⑤ THURSDAY | MARK 10:1-12 | JEREMIAH 24:1-10 |
| ⑥ FRIDAY | MARK 10:13-16 | JEREMIAH 25:1-15 |
| ⑦ SATURDAY | MARK 10:17-31 ¹ | JEREMIAH 25:15-16, 30-38 |

¹ SATURDAY, ST. BARTHOLOMEW – JOHN 1:43-51

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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 in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Pete Kun.
- Birthdays celebrated this week – Mike Wright (20).
- Baptismal Birthdays celebrated this week – William Wueller (18), Rebecca Schwiesow (24), Samuel Dorrell (25).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week – Mark and Sandra Traugott (23), James and Amanda Rose (25).
- Jill, Robin Hauth’s sister, struggling with complications following eye surgery.
- Frank and Antonia, Aimee’s parents, that they might come to know the saving grace of Christ.
- Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Alissa Ulmer, Doug Drawe, Mary Hart, Dony Reaves, Antonia, Margie Best, Chris Purcell, Matt Thibodeaux, Jeff Ellis, Tom Johnson.



THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: Ten Commandments – First and Second Commandments

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – August 25, 2024

Hymns: 876, 683, 566, 620, 573, 655, 559

Readings: 2 Chronicles 28:8-15; Galatians 3:15-22; Luke 10:23-37

