

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
August 25 – August 31, AD 2024

Each of the commandments begins with “We should fear and love God”. Obedience begins not with doing but with believing - fearing God’s righteous wrath and loving God’s Word and His mercy in Christ. It is true that the commandments show us our sin. God clearly tells us what we are to do and what we are not to do. But apart from faith, that command is nothing more than a word of judgment because we do not fear, love, or trust in God above all things. We fear man. We trust our reason and emotions. We love ourselves. Repent. Receive the forgiveness of Jesus and then hear the commandments of God again. When the Christian hears God’s commandments he rejoices because in Christ he has been set free from condemnation and turned instead toward both God and his neighbor in love. Now the commandments are a delight because we know they are good and pleasing to God and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are strengthened to actually strive after the holy will of God and live according to the commandments. God grant us His mercy and strength to walk in the fear and love of faith.

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 Ten Commandments – First and Second Commandments

First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	LUKE 10:23-37	
② MONDAY	1 SAMUEL 19:1-18(19-24)	1 TIMOTHY 1:1-11
③ TUESDAY	1 SAMUEL 20:1-23	1 TIMOTHY 1:12-20
④ WEDNESDAY	1 SAMUEL 20:24-42	1 TIMOTHY 2:1-15
⑤ THURSDAY	MARK 6:14-29 ¹	
⑥ FRIDAY	1 SAMUEL 21:1-22:2	1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13
⑦ SATURDAY	PROVERBS 4:10-23	GALATIANS 5:16-24

¹ MARTYRDOM OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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

- 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, Will McCrillis, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Baptismal Birthdays celebrated this week – Samuel Dorrell (25).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week – James and Amanda Rose (25).
- Frank and Antonia, Aimee’s parents, that they might come to know the saving grace of Christ.
- Matt, Marc, and Michael who are experiencing unemployment.
- 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, Tom Johnson, Jill, Connie Kimber, Deanna.



THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: Ten Commandments – Third and Fourth Commandments

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity – September 1, 2024

Hymns: 497, 849, 741, 622, 579, 693, 655

Readings: Proverbs 4:10-23; Galatians 5:16-24; Luke 17:11-19

