

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
September 1 – September 7, AD 2024

“Do I have to go to church?” You’ve probably heard and maybe even asked this question. It’s a bad question born of unbelief. It is rooted in the hardness of our hearts that doesn’t take seriously the power of the Word of God or our need for the mercy and forgiveness which God only promises to give through the Word and the Holy Sacraments. Going to church is about being with Jesus - receiving life from Him and learning what is right and true and good; it is about be strengthened for the relentless battle against temptation and the devil’s relentless assaults. God commanded the Sabbath Day because we need the rest of His salvation, the forgiveness of all our sins. When we gather together around His Word, God makes us new and whole. Without this Word we are lost eternally. May God forgive us for so often despising the Sabbath Day in word and deed and give us faith to keep the Sabbath and indeed, sanctify every day with His Word and prayer.

## ***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 – Third and Fourth Commandments***

### ***Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.***

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

### ***Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.***

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

## 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 111:10 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!*

### Psalm 84

### HYMN OF THE MONTH

*"The Law of God Is Good and Wise" (LSB 579)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbvMPJNfwE>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	LUKE 17:11-19	
② MONDAY	1 SAMUEL 22:3-23	1 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5
③ TUESDAY	1 SAMUEL 23:1-13	1 TIMOTHY 4:6-16
④ WEDNESDAY	1 SAMUEL 23:14-29	1 TIMOTHY 5:1-16
⑤ THURSDAY	1 SAMUEL 24:1-25:1	1 TIMOTHY 5:17-25
⑥ FRIDAY	1 SAMUEL 25:2-44	1 TIMOTHY 6:1-11
⑦ SATURDAY	1 KINGS 17:8-16	GALATIANS 5:25-6:10

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week – Phyllis Martin (4), Alissa Ulmer (5), Todd Hauth (7).
- Baptismal Birthdays celebrated this week – Connie Kimber (2).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week – Geoff and Kristin Hackbart (4).
- Matt, Marc, and Michael who are experiencing unemployment.
- Leah Savage, Brianna Mallon 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, Aimee Hendon.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity – September 8, 2024**

**Catechism:** The Creed – The First Article

**Hymns:** 913, 760, 719, 625, 579, 655, 427

**Readings:** 1 Kings 17:8-16; Galatians 5:25-6:10; Matthew 6:24-34

