

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels
September 29 – October 5, AD 2024

“**T**he fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” The First Commandment directs our fear toward the wrath of God. We are not to take any of God’s Commandments or His Word lightly, imagining that God doesn’t really mind if we disobey His Word. Holy Scripture is full of examples of people who took the Word of God lightly and did not fear God’s wrath against their sin only to later taste that wrath - Cain and his descendants, Egypt, faithless Israel, Jerusalem. Sin has consequences not only for the sinner but for everyone around him. God’s wrath will fall on those who do not repent of their sin and turn from it and fight against it. But just as God threatens wrath to the disobedient, He promises blessing to those who do keep the commandments. We sin because we think in doing so we will get something better. But that is the devil’s deception. Sin never brings forth good. There is never blessing in our lying, in our despising of God’s Word, in our anger, or in our dishonoring of our parents and other authorities. Sin brings death and judgment. But obedience carries with it the promise of God’s help. God grant us to fear His wrath and not do anything against His commandments, and that we would turn in repentance to Him when we fall and then eagerly seek to walk according to His Word.

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 Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex. 20:5-6)

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

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 104:24 – O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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 FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL SAINTS

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 18:1-11	
② MONDAY	1 KINGS 1:1 (2-27) 28-35	JAMES 3:1-12
③ TUESDAY	1 KINGS 3:1-15	JAMES 3:13-18
④ WEDNESDAY	1 KINGS 3:16-28	JAMES 4:1-12
⑤ THURSDAY	1 KINGS 4:1, 20-34	JAMES 4:13-17
⑥ FRIDAY	1 KINGS 5:1-18	JAMES 5:1-12
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 28:10-17	EPHESIANS 4:22-28

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus 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 serving in synodical offices, especially Matthew Harrison, Synodical President; Michael Newman, Texas District President; Andrew Whaley, Circuit Visitor, and Ben Gonzales, Mission Strategist. Those serving as elected leaders at Faith Wylie: Shad Reif, Greg Sims, Matt Dickson, Ken Lawrence, James Long, Tim Sheehan, Michael Null, Brad Lowery, James Rose, Brian Hendon, Gil Daughtrey.
- Birthdays celebrated this week – Walter Steele (29), Audrey Wueller (29), Rachel Maverick (2), Marlys Stangeland (3).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week – Marc Schwiesow (1), Angus Hendon (3).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week – Lance and Amy Dorrell (1).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Marc, and Michael.
- Leah Savage and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Matt Thibodeaux, Connie Kimber, Christina Null, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Margie Best, Tom Johnson, Jill, Deanna, Brandon Rhodes, Kaylee, Evie.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity – October 6, 2024

Catechism: Ten Commandments – The First Commandment

Hymns: 498, 708, 597, 619, 716, 865, 814

Readings: Genesis 28:10-17; Ephesians 4:22-28; Matthew 9:1-8

