

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 8 – September 14, AD 2024

It is astounding to meditate on the reality of being one who is created by God. And it is even more astounding to think of the great care which God took in knitting you together in your mother's womb. Everything about you is purposeful. God made you male or female. God put you in your home. God made you now instead of 100 years ago or 100 years in the future. He is the one who gave you your abilities. He is even the one who gave you your weaknesses. You are you because God made you who you are. And He made you to carry out His good and gracious purposes. He has equipped you just right for the vocations He has given you now and will give you in the future. Let us never look down upon that which God has created. The world will certainly do that. But we will rejoice in God's good creation. May Christ forgive us for despising and neglecting what God has made each of us to be. And, may He grant us the faith and joy of our salvation that we may use all that God has given us to His glory and the good of our neighbor.

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 Creed – First Article - Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

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 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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 6:24-34	
② MONDAY	1 SAMUEL 26:1-25	1 TIMOTHY 6:11-21
③ TUESDAY	1 SAMUEL 28:3-25	2 TIMOTHY 1:1-12
④ WEDNESDAY	1 SAMUEL 31:1-13	2 TIMOTHY 1:13-18
⑤ THURSDAY	2 SAMUEL 1:1-16(17-27)	2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13
⑥ FRIDAY	2 SAMUEL 5:1-5(6-25)	2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26
⑦ SATURDAY	1 KINGS 17:17-24 ¹	EPHESIANS 3:13-21

¹ SATURDAY – HOLY CROSS DAY – 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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 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 – Edith Wright (8), Noelle Wueller (8), Eli Gefaller (9), Noah Horn-Martinez (9), Tori Thibodeaux (13).
- Baptismal Birthdays celebrated this week – Eli Gefaller (10).
- Matt, Marc, and Michael who are experiencing unemployment.
- Leah Savage and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Doug Drawe, Mary Hart, 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

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – September 15, 2024

Catechism: Ten Commandments – The Fifth Commandment

Hymns: 498, 758, 713, 634, 579, 490, 548

Readings: 1 Kings 17:17-24, Ephesians 3:13-21, Luke 7:11-17

