

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 15 – September 21, AD 2024

God deeply cares about our physical well-being. That shouldn't surprise us since God is the one who fearfully and wonderfully knit us together in our mother's womb, who knows each of our days, and who has even numbered the hairs on our heads! In the Fifth Commandment, God directs us to care for the body of our neighbor - to feed and clothe him when he is in need, to protect him from harm when he is threatened, and to restrain our anger so that we do not murder or hurt or even wish our neighbor harm. We also ought to love and care for the body that God has given to each of us. We should not abuse our bodies through food or drugs or alcohol. We should treat our bodies with great reverence and honor and modesty as precious gifts from God. Our bodies are not our personal possessions. They are to be used for the glory of God and the good of our neighbor. We are never to turn our anger or despair against ourselves and end the life that belongs only to God. Neither are we to worship our bodies or use them for selfish or vain purposes. Let us seek the forgiveness of Christ for not faithfully caring for either our neighbor's body or our own as we ought and ask God for the Holy Spirit so that we would love and care for the bodies God has made just as He does.

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 Lord's Prayer – Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	LUKE 7:11-17	
② MONDAY	2 SAMUEL 6:1-19	2 TIMOTHY 3:1-17
③ TUESDAY	2 SAMUEL 7:1-17	2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8
④ WEDNESDAY	2 SAMUEL 7:18-29	2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22
⑤ THURSDAY	2 SAMUEL 9:1-13	TITUS 1:1-16
⑥ FRIDAY	2 SAMUEL 11:1-17, 22-28	TITUS 2:1-15
⑦ SATURDAY	PROVERBS 25:6-14 ¹	EPHESIANS 4:1-6

¹ ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST – MATTHEW 9:9-13

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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 – Mitchell Hendon (20), Charley Wildauer (21).
- Baptismal Birthdays celebrated this week – Tristana Tiro (18).
- 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, Christina Null, Brandon Rhodes, Tula Sheehan.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity – September 22, 2024

Catechism: Ten Commandments – The Fifth Commandment

Hymns: 902, 557, 579, 637, 562, 610, 768

Readings: Proverbs 25:6-14, Ephesians 4:1-6, Luke 14:1-11

