

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Festival of the Reformation  
October 27 – November 2, AD 2024

**T**rust is easy when you know the plan and the outcome. But, then again, that's not really trust. Trust is needed when there is a lot you don't know. Consider the times of your affliction. We grumble under them because suddenly we imagine that what God had promised is no longer true. We measure the word which God has spoken by our experience of the world around us. And when what we experience appears contrary to God's word, we begin to assume that God's word and therefore God Himself is not trustworthy. Certainly, when the patriarch Abraham was commanded by God to sacrifice his son Isaac, the son through whom the Savior would come, Abraham's flesh cried out that God could not be trusted. "He has said two things that cannot both be true - from Isaac will come the Savior and Isaac must die without children!" When we are plagued by temptation to a particular sin and pray to God to remove the temptation and He doesn't, we begin to image that God is unfaithful and actually leading us into temptation. These are the moments when trust is most necessary - when we can't understand the methods of God. In these times when we are most tempted to rely on our own ability to rationalize and understand things that aren't clear to us - these are the times when we must humble ourselves under the mighty and merciful hand of God and rest in the truth that the promises of God will endure and will be carried out even when we don't understand how. It's okay that we don't understand. We know Jesus. We know what God has promised. These are unchanging. These are the times when, like father Abraham, we have to suspend our understanding and believe that God is able to do far more than we are able to even think. If to keep His promise He has to raise someone from the dead, He can and He will. May Christ forgive us for ever doubting the words and promises of God and may we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, trust wholly and completely in the God who didn't spare His own Son but offered Him up for us all that we might be saved.

## ***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 Commandment***

***You shall have no other gods.***

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

## 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

**Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**

**Psalm 35**

### HYMN OF THE MONTH

**"Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" (LSB 865)**

<https://youtu.be/YJn7dxm3eI8>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FESTIVAL OF REFORMATION

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 18:21-35	
② MONDAY	JOHN 15:12-21	1 PETER 1:3-9
③ TUESDAY	1 KINGS 18:1-19	1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-17
④ WEDNESDAY	1 KINGS 18:20-40	1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 8:31-36	ROMANS 3:19-28
⑥ FRIDAY	1 KINGS 18:41-19-9A	1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16
⑦ SATURDAY	REVELATION 7:9-17	1 JOHN 3:1-3

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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 (paramedic), Will McCrillis, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Birthdays celebrated this week – Xaiden Slade (27).
- Baptisms celebrated this week – Sasha Starr (Nov 1).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week – Pete and Ruth Kun (Nov 1).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Leah Savage and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Christina Null, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Margie Best, Jill, Deanna, Evie Savage, Timmy, Dana Evans, Braydon.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **All Saints' Day – November 3, 2024**

**Catechism:** The Ten Commandments – The Fourth Commandment

**Hymns:** 679, 677, 155, 627, 676, 647, 672

**Readings:** Revelation 7:2-17, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

