

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity  
October 13 – October 19, AD 2024

**T**here are a lot of dangerous things in the world that threaten to harm us. Our brothers and sisters in Florida and other southeastern states are recovering from yet another massive hurricane that has caused utter devastation for many, even death. Who can stand against such power? Who is able to control the wind and the waves? Of course, no one. God alone, the Creator of heaven and earth, commands the winds and sends lightning for the rain. He alone is our great defense in every danger. We might ask, “Did God not defend those poor people? Did He take His hand away from them that they should suffer so greatly?” Indeed, these things are very hard for us to understand. But what we can say with absolute certainty is that God did not remove His protection from any of His children, even if their earthly life is brought to an end. Indeed, many Christians suffer and some of them die in events like hurricanes. But the death of the Christian is a blessed one because they fall asleep in Jesus and are carried to the perfect rest of heaven. God’s protection for these is that He helped them to persevere in the faith even in the face of great danger. Their confidence remained in Christ. We can also certainly see many ways in which God prevents tragedies from happening or causing great harm. Perhaps we don’t notice them as much because they aren’t as tragic. As the God who lovingly created and redeemed you, your heavenly Father is also daily guarding and protecting you from all danger and evil. Even though you are surrounded by these daily, in Christ, they will not snatch you out of the loving hand of God.

## ***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 – The 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**

***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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 22:1-14	
② MONDAY	1 KINGS 11:1-13	1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-12
③ TUESDAY	1 KINGS 11:41-12:19	1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18
④ WEDNESDAY	1 KINGS 12:20-33	1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11
⑤ THURSDAY	1 KINGS 13:1-34	1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 10:1-9	2 TIMOTHY 4:5-18
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 1:1-2:3	EPHESIANS 6:10-17

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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 – Rachel Schwiesow (16), Kristen Horn (19), James Rose (19).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week – Marlys Stangeland (18).
- The mission work of the Lutheran Missionary Women’s League and Women of Wylie.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Marc, 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, Timmy.



## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## LUTHER’S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity – October 20, 2024**

**Catechism:** The Creed – The Third Article

**Hymns:** 915, 607, 734, 619, 865, 587, 917

**Readings:** Genesis 1:1-2:3, Ephesians 6:10-17, John 4:46-54

