

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity
October 20 – October 26, AD 2024

It is easy to turn our struggles and afflictions into our idols. We fear that they will rob us of all good. We imagine that God is not able to overcome them or bless us in and through them. Our trials loom large over us like the giant wave of a tsunami. Repent. This is idolatry, a breaking of the First Commandment. Whether it is a disease, poverty, guilt, or hostile governments that come crashing against us, our eyes are to be unwaveringly fixed upon the God of heaven and earth who commands and rules over them all, making them serve His purposes to save His beloved people. Our fear should only ever be of God's judgment against our sin because that is the only harm that is eternal. All other sufferings in this life are but for a time and then have their end. When we fear God's wrath against those who transgress His commandments and when we know the rich mercy of God He has shown to those who repent of their sins, seek His absolution, and strive to do better, then there is no trouble that can overwhelm us. Scripture clearly teaches us that even the devil is a dog on a chain, not able to do a single thing more than God allows. And because we know the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, because we know that God's will is our salvation and sanctification, we can receive our afflictions with faith, patience, and even joy because we know that the one who at times sends us sadness truly does love us and will provide the way of escape so that we may endure and even be richly blessed in ways that we neither desire nor deserve. There is only one God and He is the one who has died for you.

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 Third Article - Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	JOHN 4:46-54	
② MONDAY	1 KINGS 14:1-20	2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-12
③ TUESDAY	1 KINGS 14:21-31	2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12
④ WEDNESDAY	1 KINGS 15:12-22A	JAMES 1:1-12
⑤ THURSDAY	1 KINGS 16:29-17:7	2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17
⑥ FRIDAY	1 KINGS 17:8-24	2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-18
⑦ SATURDAY	MICAH 6:6-8	PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in 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 – Autumn Reif (21), Levi Dickson (23), Brandi Boeder (23), Ann Sims (23), Greg Sims (26).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week – Jeff and Patti Ellis (21), Walter and Robyn Steele (21).
- Thanksgiving for new employment for Marc Schwiesow.
- 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, Timmy, Dana Evans.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Festival of Reformation – October 27, 2024

Catechism: The Ten Commandments – The First Commandment

Hymns: 644, 656, 865, 555, 617, 645, 655

Readings: Revelation 14:6-7, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

