

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of All Saints' Day

November 3 – November 9, AD 2024

One of the most important responsibilities of parents is to help their children find godly, pious spouses. That is a strange idea to modern ears. We imagine that everyone has to just go out and hope to “fall in love” and then get married and the only input parents give is asking “Are you happy?”. That is not what Scripture teaches at all. Instead, as the example of Abraham and Isaac shows us, parents are to be deeply involved in finding a spouse for their children. Why does it matter so much? Because marriage is THE building block relationship of all creation. Great good and blessing are meant to be given to and through it. But if entered into without thorough advisement and counsel, it can also be a source of great and bitter heartache and pain for everyone involved. And if you haven't been married, then you don't have a full appreciation of what makes for a good spouse. Lord willing, your parents have been good examples to you of a loving Christian husband and wife. By their example we begin to form an image of what marriage is supposed to look like and how we are to relate to our spouse. One of the ways in which we keep the Fourth Commandment is by seeking and heeding the advice of our godly parents when selecting a spouse. This is why the man is supposed to seek the blessing of the woman's father. He has to convince the father that he will be a devoted and faithful head of his family and nurture them in the Christian faith. God grant that we uphold and honor marriage and the offices of father and mother by seeking their wisdom and counsel regarding spouses so that our own marriages may be filled with joy and the rich blessings 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 Second Article - Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won [delivered] me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, in order that I may be [wholly] His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. 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

1 John 3:15 – Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know, that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Psalm 31

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Oh, How Blest They Are” (LSB 679)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6xkQzaOHc4>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 5:1-12	
② MONDAY	1 KINGS 19:9B-21	1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-23
③ TUESDAY	1 KINGS 21:1-16	1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-13
④ WEDNESDAY	1 KINGS 21:17-29	1 CORINTHIANS 4:14-5:8
⑤ THURSDAY	2 KINGS 2:1-15	1 CORINTHIANS 5:9-6:11
⑥ FRIDAY	2 KINGS 2:19-25	1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 51:9-16	COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Baptisms celebrated this week – Eden Gefaller.
- Robin Hauth’s family as they mourn the parting of Robin’s mother from this life.
- The Savage and Ellis families as our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call to His side daughter and granddaughter, Evie Anne Savage born and baptized on October 29 and asleep in her Savior’s arms on October 30.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Brianna Mallon and Emma Cassanova for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Margie Best, Jill, Deanna, Timmy, Dana Evans, Christina Null.



THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity – November 10, 2024

Catechism: The Commandments – The Fourth Commandment

Hymns: 819, 755, 623, 741, 555, 701, 679

Readings: Isaiah 51:9-16, Colossians 1:9-14; Matthew 9:18-26

