

# FAITH IN THE WORD

**For the week of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity  
November 10 – November 16, AD 2024**

**T**his past week the people of this nation went to the polls to cast their votes for a variety of different leaders - the President and Vice President, senators and congressmen, judges, and a number of other positions. Maybe you were pleased with the outcome. Maybe you weren't. The idolatry of our hearts likely boiled up as hearts grew anxious awaiting the results. Whether you breathed a sigh of relief or are now more worried than before, repent. Your King still sits on His heavenly throne. Your vocation remains the same. God calls us to honor those in authority because they have received their authority from God. To honor and obey them is to honor and obey God (unless they command us to do something against God's Word). This is certainly easier when "our guy" has won. It's not so easy when "we lost". The truth remains, in either case, that our hope is not in rulers. It remains with God alone. We should be no more or less confident that God is ruling all things in heaven and on earth today than we were before this past Tuesday. We will still pray for our leaders that God would give them faithfulness and wisdom. We will still humbly submit to their authority appropriately and "render unto Caesar the things that belong to Caesar" entrusting ourselves and all things to God's gracious keeping. We are to resist the temptation to speak evil of our leaders, even when we disagree. We will still tend to our families, our churches, and our communities as God has commanded us, living lives of quiet godliness entrusting ourselves to the rich and abundant mercy of God. We will bear witness to Christ to those around us whether we share political ideologies or not. We will continue to gather in our Heavenly Father's house to hear His Word and call upon His Name. These things will never change. What remains the same yesterday, today, and always is Christ, our triumphant King who will return on the clouds to gather His Church into His eternal kingdom. To Him belongs all power and glory, riches and dominion forever and ever.

## ***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 – The Fourth Commandment***

***Honor your father and your mother.***

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

## **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 THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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| ① SUNDAY    | <b>MATTHEW 9:18-26</b> |                         |
| ② MONDAY    | 2 KINGS 3:1-27         | 1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-24    |
| ③ TUESDAY   | 2 KINGS 4:1-7          | 1 CORINTHIANS 7:25-40   |
| ④ WEDNESDAY | 2 KINGS 4:8-37         | 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13    |
| ⑤ THURSDAY  | 2 KINGS 4:38-44        | 1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-27    |
| ⑥ FRIDAY    | 2 KINGS 6:1-7          | 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-22   |
| ⑦ SATURDAY  | JOB 14:1-6             | 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 |

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; 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), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Baptism birthdays celebrated this week – Angela Perry (10), Ellen Horn (11), Xaiden Slade (14), Katy Gefaller (15), Audrey Wueller (15).
- Thanksgiving for U.S. military veterans and their families.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Cassanova, Brianna Mallon, Renae Womack for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Hannah and Thomas (Marlys Stangeland’s grandchildren), who are hospitalized with pneumonia.
- Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Jill, Deanna, Timmy, Dana Evans, Christina Null.



## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## LUTHER’S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity – November 17, 2024**

**Catechism:** The Commandments – The Close of the Commandments

**Hymns:** 500, 658, 615, 633, 679, 655, 509

**Readings:** Exodus 32:1-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Luke 17:20-30

