

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity  
November 17 – November 23, AD 2024

In the Close of the Commandments God says something that probably sounds strange to us: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.” We typically think of jealousy as bad, as angrily wanting something that someone else has or thinking that it is unfair to us that we don’t have it. That is sin. That is coveting. But there is a good jealousy as well - God’s jealousy for us. He alone is God. No one else created us. No one else redeemed us. No one else can provide for us or help us or save us. He is the only God. Every other thing that we set our trust and hope in is an empty idol that can’t do anything to help us. Worse than that, behind every idol is a demon, working to keep us away from Jesus. God doesn’t want that for you. God wants you with Him so that you might know fully the riches of His mercy and His love and His protection and His provision. It is good for a wife to be jealous of her husband’s love and devotion. He shouldn’t give any of his love or devotion to another woman. God’s jealousy isn’t about wanting something that you have for Himself. His jealousy is for you, He wants to be your God because the truth is that no other god actually exists. The rest are frauds and deceptions thrown up by Satan to lead you away from the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Rejoice that God is jealous over you. He wants all your trust and hope and love because He alone is the one who loves you and can bless you with every good and perfect gift.

## **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 Close of the Commandments**

### **What does God say about all these commandments?**

He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex. 20:5-6)

*What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

## 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 Are They” (LSB 679)**

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 24:15-28	
② MONDAY	LUKE 11:1-13	1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8
③ TUESDAY	MATTHEW 8:5-13	JAMES 5:13-20
④ WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 15:21-28	EPHESIANS 7:10-20
⑤ THURSDAY	MARK 4:35-41	JAMES 1:2-8
⑥ FRIDAY	DANIEL 6:1-23	MATTHEW 24:4-14, 36-44
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 65:17-25	1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; 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, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan.
- Thanksgiving for our new organ.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Cassanova, Brianna Mallon, Renae Womack for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Thanksgiving for Timmy's recovery.
- Thanksgiving that Hannah and Thomas (Marlys Stangeland's grandchildren), have been released from the hospital and are recovering at home.
- Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Jill, Deanna, Dana Evans, Rush, Christina Null.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Last Sunday of the Church Year – November 24, 2024**

**Catechism:** The Creed – The First Article

**Hymns:** 498, 516, 508, 636, 616, 679, 515

**Readings:** Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:1-13

