

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26 – February 1, AD 2025

What does the Holy Spirit do? He makes unholy people, in other words, sinners, holy. We are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We do and say and think unholy things. People like us can't be in the presence of a holy God. That is why Adam and Eve were thrown out of God's presence, cast out of the garden of Eden. But God wasn't content for us to remain cast out. He wanted to be in fellowship with us again. And to do that, we, who had made ourselves unholy, had to be made holy once again. Only God could do that. Only the Holy One could make us holy. And He does that by washing away the stain of sin that made us unholy. He cleanses us in Baptism which makes us holy. He forgives us through the holy and atoning Blood of Jesus. The Holy Spirit proclaims to us the Gospel of Jesus and by that Gospel creates faith in us. This faith clings to the most precious of promises - that Christ Jesus became unholy so that we might be made holy. And because we have the forgiveness of our sins, we have the sure and certain promise of the resurrection to eternal life by which our bodies, not yet purified, will be once and for all made holy, reformed in the image 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 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

Romans 8:26 – Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Psalm 72

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“The People That in Darkness Sat” (LSB 412)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSLx0jKNxfM>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 8:1-13 ¹	
② MONDAY	2 CHRONICLES 34:29-33	2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-18
③ TUESDAY	2 CHRONICLES 35:1-27	2 CORINTHIANS 11:1-15
④ WEDNESDAY	JEREMIAH 37:1-21	2 CORINTHIANS 11:16-33
⑤ THURSDAY	JEREMIAH 38:1-28	2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-13
⑥ FRIDAY	2 KINGS 25:1-21	2 CORINTHIANS 12:14-21
⑦ SATURDAY	JONAH 1:1-17	ROMANS 13:8-10

¹ SUNDAY: – ST. TITUS, PASTOR AND CONFESSOR, ACTS 20:28-35

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Joshan Savage (police officer), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), Elisabeth Handgraaf, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Bridgette Boeder (26), Carol Long (27), Jim Graff (28)
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Stephen Kieser (30), Christina Null (Feb. 1).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Devin Jackson, Gary Sakko, Greg McClure, Dana Evans, Rush, Christina Null, Gaye, Georgette, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Ninette DeYoung, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord – February 2, 2025

Catechism: The Ten Commandments – The Sixth Commandment

Hymns: 797, 519, 810, 624, 398, 938, 919

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:21-28; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

