

FAITH IN THE WORD

**For the week of The Feast of the Holy Trinity
June 15 – June 21, AD 2025**

One of the repeated sins of Israel was that they profaned God's holy and precious name in the midst of the Gentiles. As they lived among those who worshiped false gods, which are really nothing but demons, God's children, rather than clearly speaking and teaching God's Word and ordering their lives according to the Ten Commandments, would try to blend the false teachings and practices of the Gentiles in with the true worship of God. This would give the Gentiles the impression that their false gods were just as valid and true as the true God. What a tragedy! God's children were keeping others from actually knowing the true God because they were more concerned about being liked than honoring God's name and speaking the truth. How tempting this is still for us. We live in a society that is filled with all kinds of false gods and evil practices. And we are tempted to blend in, not stand out. We are tempted to speak and act just like those who don't know or believe in the true God just so that they will like us. Father forgive us! When we do this, we, like Israel, profane God's name and make it so that our neighbor can't know the true God who created them and gave His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into death to save them. God grant us His forgiveness and strengthen our own faith so that we speak only the pure saving truth of God's Word, live according to His Word, and so keep God's name holy.

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 Lord's Prayer – The First Petition and Explanation

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven: But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly father!

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

Matthew 5:10 – *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Psalm 68

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" (LSB 768)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

① SUNDAY	JOHN 3:1-17	
② MONDAY	LUKE 8:26-39	HOSEA 11:1-9
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 8:40-56	HOSEA 14:1-9
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 9:1-9	MICAH 4:1-5
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 9:10-17	MICAH 5:2-5
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 9:18-27	MICAH 6:1-8
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 15:1-6	1 JOHN 4:16-21

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, 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.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Mark Traugott (16).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Jake Johnson (17), Teche Thibodeaux (19).
- Toni McClure, the wife of a friend of James Long, who broke her back in a fall and faces several months of recovery.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Michael, Greg.
- Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Jeannie Long, JE Purcell, Gene Obenhaus, Ron Lane, Maureen Rump, Abbe Fenner.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The First Sunday after Trinity – June 22, 2025

The Ten Commandments – The First Commandment and Explanation

Hymns: 914, 768, 724, 744, 642, 583, 797

Readings: Genesis 15:1-6, 1 John 4:16-21, Luke 16:19-31

