

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
August 3 – August 9, AD 2025

It is easy to become complacent about receiving the Sacrament of the Altar if we are not continually mindful about what we receive in this gift from Christ. If we do not daily consider our own lives in light of the Ten Commandments and there confront the great wickedness of our hearts, minds, mouths, eyes, and hands, and what the Lord God says about those who break His commandments, then we will quickly grow to think that we are not so wicked as to need forgiveness. And if we do not meditate on Jesus' words instituting the sacrament and exactly what it is that He promises to give to us in the sacrament, namely, the forgiveness of our sins which He accomplished through His death on the cross, then we will quickly begin to pay little attention to the sacrament or hunger for it because all we see is bread and wine. To be a Christian is to meditate on these things daily, confessing our sins and hungering and thirsting for that which Christ has provided to forgive our sins and bind up the wounds of our transgressions. Let us then set aside as part of our daily devotions the time to examine ourselves in light of God's holy commandments and then consider those beautiful words of Jesus, "shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." And may such meditation prevent us from ever failing to receive Holy Communion when it is made available to us.

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 Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

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

John 17:11b – *Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.*

Psalm 48

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"What Is the World to Me" (LSB 730)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	MARK 8:1-9	
② MONDAY	LUKE 17:20-37	ZECHARIAH 2:6-13
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 18:1-8	ZECHARIAH 3:1-10
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 18:9-17	ZECHARIAH 6:9-15
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 18:18-34	ZECHARIAH 8:1-8
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 18:35-43	ZECHARIAH 9:9-10
⑦ SATURDAY	JEREMIAH 23:16-29	ACTS 20:27-38

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for 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 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.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Michael Null (3), Terri Wildenborg (6), Connie Kimber (7), Criss Purcell (8).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Patti Ellis (4).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: David and Ellen Horn (3).
- The family of Pastor Robert Hill, who was granted the crown of everlasting life this past week.
- Kirk Swoverland, as today he receives the gift of Holy Baptism, makes his confession of Christ and is confirmed in membership of Christ's Church and this congregation.
- Thanksgiving for ongoing recovery and healing for Abbe Fenner.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Greg.
- Grace Hendrickson, Sara Froiland, Amanda Needham, and Rachel Rojas 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, Ron Lane, Richard and Maureen Rump, Sarah Wickam, Judy Michels, Randy Cooper, Lesley Fox.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity – August 10, 2025

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – Seventh Petition and Explanation

Hymns: 587, 745, 647, 636, 730, 655, 658

Readings: Jeremiah 23:16-29, Romans 8:12-17, Matthew 7:15-23

