

Our Family Daily Prayers

Trinity 8 - End of Church Year 2018



Baptismal Font at St. Nikolai, Old Spandau (Berlin).
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Follow the order for Daily Devotions in Lutheran Worship, p.293.

Week leading to Trinity Eight: July 16-22, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 78 (Not in LW)

Hymn – #429 “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

Daily Readings –

16 Monday	Judges 16:4-30 <i>Opt: Judges 17:1-21:25</i>	Gal 4:12-31
17 Tuesday	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Galatians 5:1-26
18 Wednesday	1 Samuel 1:21-2:17	Galatians 6:1-18
	No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis	
19 Thursday	1 Samuel 2:18-36	Acts 15:22-41
20 Friday	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Acts 16:1-22
21 Saturday	1 Samuel 4:1-22	Acts 16:23-40 <i>Optional: Acts 17:1-34</i>
22 Sunday	1 Samuel 5:1-6:3, 10-16	Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
	St. Mary Magdalene Ruth 1:6-18, 2Co 5:14-18, Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	
10:15 AM	Trinity Eight Jeremiah 23:16-29, Acts 20:27-38, Matthew 7:15-23	



The choir stalls (to the left of the pulpit and Luther’s grave) in the Castle Church in Wittenberg were donated by the princes of Germany and bear their coat of arms.

Catechism - The Lord’s Prayer, The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Collect for Advent One (*Ad Te Levavi*)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come to rescue us from the threatening perils of our sins, and save us by Your promised deliverance; for You now live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Week leading to Advent One: November 26-December 2, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 24 (LW, p.321)

Hymn – "Savior of the Nations Come"

Daily Readings –

26 Monday	Dan 6:1-28 <i>Optional: Dan 9:1-27</i>	Rev 22:1-27
27 Tuesday	Isaiah 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
28 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Isaiah 2:1-22 Catechesis on Matthew 21:1-9	1 Pet 1:13-25
29 Thursday	Isaiah 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12
30 Friday 10:30 AM	Isaiah 6:1-7:9 St. Andrew, Apostle Deut 30:11-14, Romans 10:8-18, Matt 4:18-22	1 Peter 2:13-25
1 Saturday 7:00 PM	Isaiah 7:10—8:8 Church decorating for Advent, 5 PM – 7 PM Vespers First Advent	1 Pet 3:1-22
2 Sunday 10:15 AM	Is 8:9—9:7 Advent One Jeremiah 23:5-8, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 21:1-9	1 Pet 4: 1-19

Children: "...So, too, the Fourth Commandment must be stressed when instructing children and the common people in order that they may be encouraged to be orderly, faithful, obedient, and peaceful. Always adduce many examples from the Scriptures to show how God punished and blessed.

¹⁹ You should also take pains to urge governing authorities and parents to rule wisely and **educate their children**. They must be shown that they are obliged to do so, and that they are guilty of damnable sin if they do not do so, for by such neglect they undermine and lay waste both the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world and are the worst enemies of God and man. ²⁰ Make very plain to them the shocking evils they introduce when they refuse their aid in the training of children **to become pastors, preachers, notaries, etc.,** and tell them that God will inflict awful punishments on them for these sins. It is necessary to preach about such things. The extent to which parents and governing authorities sin in this respect is beyond telling. The devil also has a horrible purpose in mind" (Small Catechism -Tappert, p. 340).

Family: "But the ungodly give consideration to the vituperations and the inconveniences of marriage and therefore shun it and fall into the works of the flesh: uncleanness, fornication, and adultery, of which Paul says in Gal. 5:21: "Those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

I am discussing these matters rather carefully and extensively because I see that the Holy Spirit did not disdain to describe His own work at such great length. Ungodly and wicked men, who suppose that everything happens by chance, understand nothing in the Holy Scriptures and the creatures of God. But it is our duty to read and to instruct others, in order that from Holy Scripture we may gain knowledge of the creatures, and from the creatures of the Creator.

Scripture points out that God's creature has been blinded and marred. For this reason **it praises the dignity of marriage at such great length**. We are to learn, and to teach others that marriage is not to be held in slight esteem, as the flesh and the world are in the habit of doing. They do not consider what marriage is but take into account only concupiscence, lust, and sensual pleasure. They strive for ease and riches, which are original sin itself, by which our wretched nature is horribly contaminated. Therefore instead of the pleasure and enjoyment hoped for, they eventually find vexation, grief, and trouble" (Luther's Works, v.4 p.248-249).

Catechism - 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.

Collect for Trinity Eight

Grant to us, Lord, we implore You, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Week leading to Trinity Nine: July 23-29, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 54 (not in LW)

Hymn – #429 “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

Daily Readings –

23 Monday	1 Samuel 6:19-7:17	Acts 19:1-22 <i>Optional: Acts 19:23-21:14</i>
24 Tuesday	1 Samuel 8:1-22	Acts 21:15-36
25 Wednesday	1 Samuel 9:1-27	Acts 21:37-22:16
	St. James, the Elder 1 Ki 19:9-18, Rom 8:28-39, Matt 20:20-28	
	No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis	
26 Thursday	1 Samuel 10:1-27	Acts 22:17-29
27 Friday	1 Samuel 12:1-25	Acts 22:30-23:11
28 Saturday	1 Samuel 13:1-18	Acts 23:12-35
29 Sunday	1 Samuel 14:47-15:9	Acts 24:1-23
10:15 AM	Trinity Nine 2 Samuel 22:26-34, 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, Luke 16:1-13	

Family: “Accordingly, a happy and joyous marriage is very rare; for people do not distinguish the work of God from original sin. But Holy Scripture honors marriage with true and most ample praises and shows how it is the source and origin of the household, the state, and the church, which derive their origin and growth from it so far as their substance is concerned. In the church one seeks the glory of God; in the state, peace; and **in the household, the rearing of children. In addition, marriage comprises a huge number of good works and fruits.**

Hence God, Abraham, and those who are truly godly regard marriage in a manner that is far different from the view held by the pope, who considers only the lust and the pleasure, that is, original sin, and then also the cross and the afflictions in marriage.

Meanwhile, however, God, in His accustomed mercy, bears with the faults and the punishments of the original evil, because they are hidden, being covered by the blessing and the marvelous abundance of good works. These fruits the papists do not see but call them civil, secular, and carnal works. Consequently, they look at them as a horse and a mule does (Ps. 32:9). Their judgment is not in accord with Scripture, which points out **the fruits and good works of marriage.** Indeed, the heathen, too, approved of marriage and wanted to compel



The chapel in the *Palas* of Wartburg Castle (Wartburg) in Eisenach, Thuringia, Germany.

But it is also required that every Christian should remain in the estate and calling in which he has been placed by God and faithfully discharge its duties; then God adds felicity and blessing. May God grant us this and be praised to all eternity. Amen. (“Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545” Luther’s Works, v. 51, p.366-367)

Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The Fourth Petition
Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Collect for Last Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the fleeting time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

their youth to marry, in order that human society might be preserved. But those who, like the papists and the monks, avoided the accustomed troubles and vexations have devised unusual endeavors, works, and orders designed to please themselves and God. Thus even though they saw, they did not see the things that have been mentioned” (Luther’s Works, v.4 p.249-250).

Catechism - The Ten Commandments:

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Collect for Trinity Nine

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



All Saints’ Church, called the Castle Church to distinguish it from St. Mary’s, the state church, in Wittenberg.

Week leading to Trinity Ten: July 30- August 5, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 55 (not in LW)

Hymn – #429 “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

Daily Readings –

30 Monday	1 Samuel 15:10-35	Acts 24:24-25:12
31 Tuesday	1 Samuel 16:1-23	Acts 25:13-27
1 Wednesday	1 Samuel 17:1-19	Acts 26:1-23
	No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis	
	Double Museum Trip Aug 1-3, 2018	
2 Thursday	1 Samuel 17:20-47	Acts 26:24-27:8
3 Friday	1 Samuel 17:48-18:9	Acts 27:9-26
4 Saturday	1 Samuel 18:10-30	Acts 27:27-44
5 Sunday 10:15 AM	1 Samuel 19:1-24 <i>Optional: Psalm 59</i>	Acts 28:1-15
	Trinity Ten Jeremiah 8:4-12, Romans 9:30-10:4, Luke 19:41-48	

Family: “But why does Abraham forbid his servant to look for one of the daughters of the Canaanites? My answer is that Abraham, near death, had experienced many things in this land when he lived among the heathen people. It was necessary for him to observe their customs and way of life rather carefully, to associate with them, and to talk and confer with them about various matters, inasmuch as all his wealth and livelihood—almost as in the case of a shepherd—consisted in cattle and fields. From this source he not only fed and supported his domestics but also sold meat, butter, milk, cheese, and similar products. This could not be done without close association with the inhabitants and citizens. Consequently, as a result of that association and intimacy, some, possibly of the foremost families of Ephron or others, were perhaps induced to desire Isaac, such a respectable and handsome young man, as a son-in-law or relative by marriage. And above it has been stated that because of God’s blessing Abraham was wealthy. For this reason alone they surely wanted to be friends with him.

But Abraham had various reasons for refusing this. He was afraid of dangers either for his household or for his church. Perhaps he did not like the character and the conduct of the girls, because they were exceedingly proud if they were distinguished by wealth, beauty, or descent. For it is especially hard to be a son-in-law in the house of a powerful and rich man,

Week leading to Last Sunday in Church Year: Nov. 19-25, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 39 (Not in LW)

Hymn – HS 806 "The Night Will Soon Be Ending”

Daily Readings –

19 Monday	Jeremiah 38:1-28 <i>Optional: Jer 39:1-44:30</i>	Matthew 27:57-66
20 Tuesday	Daniel 1:1-21	Matthew 28:1-20
21 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Daniel 2:1-23	Revelation 18:1-24
	Catechesis on Matthew 25:1-13	
22 Thursday 9:00 AM	Daniel 2:24-49	Revelation 19:1-21
	Matins on Day of National Thanksgiving Isa 61:10-11, 1 Tim 2:1-18, Lk 17:11-19	
23 Friday	Daniel 3:1-30	Revelation 20:1-15
24 Saturday	Dan 4:1-37	Rev 21:1-8
25 Sunday 10:15 AM	Dan 5:1-30 <i>Optional: Dan 7:1-8:27</i>	Rev. 21:9-27
	Last Sunday of the Church Year Isaiah 65:17-25, 1 Thess 5:1-11, Matthew 25:1-13	

Family: “You ought to thank the almighty, eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you can boast of the ordinance of God and the holy estate of matrimony. Keep it and raise up your children in the name of God. You don’t need to worry about whether you are condemned by God for it, nor will he judge you for the work’s sake; this I know for certain. **Indeed, the fact that you are married, as long as you are a Christian, will be a great glory and honor to you on the last day.** And now, and as long as you live, be confident in every hour that you are living in an estate which was instituted by God and is pleasing to him. Let pope and bishops who are opposed to it fulminate and growl and the more they boast of their vow and condemn the married state the more let us be proud of the ordinance of God in which we live, for this God and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, is and will remain an everlasting God, whereas the pope and his rabble will wither like the grass of the field or quickly vanish away like a bubble.

But the immoral and adulterous, who live outside of this state {of marriage} in defilement and impurity, such as the pope and cardinals, bishops, canons, monks, nuns, etc., **who forbid marriage and themselves engage in all kinds of abominable lust and vileness and so woefully befoul the holy estate of matrimony, God will judge on that day.** Then the true judgment will be made....("Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545" Luther's Works, v. 51, p.365-366)

Catechism – The Lord's Prayer, The Third Petition
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. *How is God's will done?* God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Collect for Second-Last Sunday

O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Landgrave's
bedroom
(definitely not
Luther's bed) in
Wartburg Castle



and nothing is more unbearable than a rich and domineering woman; for the husband is forced to comply with his wife's command and authority, or by their blandishments the women at least prevail over and weaken the men who are in the clutches of love" (Luther's Works, v.4 p.245-246).

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: **The Sixth Commandment**
You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Collect for Trinity Ten

O God, as You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Around the tower of the Castle Church in Wittenberg are the words, "Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott," A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.

Week leading to Trinity Eleven: August 6-12, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 28 (LW, p. 323)

Hymn – #429 “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

Daily Readings –

6 Monday	1 Samuel 20:1-23	Acts 28:16-31
7 Tuesday	1 Samuel 20:24-42 <i>Optional: 1 Sam. 21:1-23:29</i>	1 Corinthians 1:1-25
8 Wednesday	1 Samuel 24:1-22 <i>Optional: Psalm 142</i>	1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16
	No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis	
9 Thursday	1 Samuel 25:1-22	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
10 Friday	1 Samuel 25:23-44	1 Corinthians 4:1-21
	St. Laurence Lamentations 3:22-33, Rev 6:9-11, Mark 8:34-38	
11 Saturday	1 Samuel 26:1-25 <i>Optional: 1 Sam 27:1-28:2</i>	1 Corinthians 5:1-13
12 Sunday	1 Samuel 28:3-25 <i>Optional: 1 Sam 29:1-30:30</i>	1 Corinthians 6:1-20
10:15 AM	Trinity Eleven Gen 4:1-15, Eph 2:1-10, Luke 18:9-14	

Family: Therefore I think that this priest was a different man from the one mentioned above, so that Joseph did not marry the daughter of his master and seems to have taken wise precautions in his own interest, since the example of the adulterous mother was at hand. Consequently, it is my opinion that the very honorable and chaste young man carefully abstained from marriage with the daughter of a most dishonorable mother.

For that monk counseled that anyone who wanted to court a maiden should not give his attention to the father but should rather consider the mother, since daughters generally imitate her ways.⁵³ And the Germans have a proverb which says: “Beer tastes like the keg. If the mother is a harlot, the daughter is not pious.” Nevertheless, it can happen that an infamous mother or a godless father brings forth a daughter or a son who is good and honorable, and vice versa. It is my opinion that there were two men with this name, the former being in charge of the meat supply throughout all Egypt, the latter being the bishop of the churches and divine worship. This man’s daughter Joseph married on the advice of the king. But I leave it undecided whether this is the true opinion or not, because the

Week leading to Second-Last Sunday: November 12-18, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 92 (LW, p. 337-338)

Hymn – HS 806 "The Night Will Soon Be Ending”

Daily Readings –

12 Monday	Jeremiah 25:1-18	Matthew 26:1-19
13 Tuesday	Jeremiah 26:1-19	Matthew 26:20-35 <i>Optional: Rev 13:1-18</i>
14 Wednesday	Jeremiah 29:1-19	Matthew 26:36-56 <i>Optional: Rev 14:1-20</i>
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Matthew 25:31-46	
15 Thursday	Jeremiah 30:1-24	Matthew 26:57-75 <i>Optional: Rev 15:1-18</i>
16 Friday	Jeremiah 31:1-17, 23-34	Matthew 27:1-10 <i>Optional: Rev 16:1-21</i>
17 Saturday	Jeremiah 33:1-22 <i>Optional: Jer 34:1-36:32; 45:1-51:64</i>	Matthew 27:11-32
18 Sunday	Jeremiah 37:1-21	Matthew 27:33-56 <i>Option: Rev 17:1-18</i>
10:15 AM	2nd Last Sunday of the Church Year Daniel 7:9-14, 2 Peter 3:3-14, Matthew 25:31-46	

Family: “This assurance and boast is given us by this text: “Let the marriage bed be undefiled among all.” But this is followed by these words: “God will judge the immoral and adulterous.”

Here is pronounced the judgment that no whoremonger or adulterer will escape God’s judgment. Here our adversaries, the enemies of marriage, must stop, and it will be no help for them to boast and appeal to their vows; for they are the real, true adulterers, who prevent marriage and forbid people to be married. But when our Lord Jesus Christ comes on the last day to judge the living and the dead, God will not judge the married, for they are in his ordinance. Oh, what an unspeakable comfort that is for all married people in their estate! How confidently they can await the glorious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. For an apple tree or some other tree which bears its kinds of fruit will not be judged on the last day because it bears apples or is defiled by caterpillars and worms. No, for it was created by God for the purpose of bearing apples and fruit. **So married people, who are wedded and bear children and live pure wedded lives, will not be judged because of this.**

Catechism - The Lord's Prayer, The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come

What does this mean?

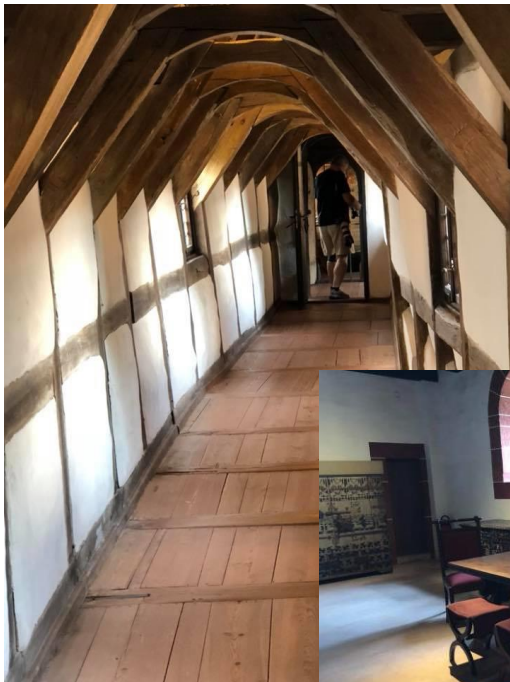
The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Collect for 3rd Last Sunday

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy unto 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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Passageway in the Burghof of Wartburg Castle. A table in Troubadours' Hall (Sängersaal)



Christian faith and religion are not imperiled in this point. (Luther's Works, vol. 7, p 198).

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: **The Seventh Commandment**

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Collect for Trinity Eleven

Almighty and everlasting God, who are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**



The Castle Church in Wittenberg

Week leading to Trinity Twelve: August 13-19, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 68 (Not in LW)

Hymn – #429 “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

Daily Readings –

13 Monday	1 Samuel 31:1-13	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
14 Tuesday	2 Samuel 1:1-27	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
15 Wednesday 10:30 AM 6:30 PM	2 Samuel 5:1-25	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
	St. Mary Mother of Our Lord Isaiah 61:10-11, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55	
	Catechesis on Mark 7:31-37	
	Bishop Heiser Visits	
16 Thursday	2 Samuel 6:1-19 <i>Optional: Psalm 105/96</i>	1 Corinthians 9:1-23
17 Friday	2 Samuel 7:1-17	1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22
18 Saturday	2 Samuel 7:18-29	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16
19 Sunday 10:15 AM	2 Samuel 11:1-27 <i>Optional: Psalm 51</i>	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
	Trinity Twelve Isa 29:18-24, 2 Cor. 3:4-11, Mark 7:31-37	

Family: Martin Weyer, a student of noble birth from Pomerania, was called back home by his father. Since the father was an old man and was accustomed to papistic usages, the son asked Dr. Martin Luther how he should deal with his father in order to be able to benefit him. He inquired if during the time of his father’s illness he ought to attend papistic ceremonies and, in particular, private mass.

Dr. Martin Luther replied that he should in every way accommodate himself to his father, under no circumstances offend him, and adapt himself to his fasting, praying, invocation of the saints, and hearing of masses. At the same time, Luther said, **through the Word of God the son should instruct his parent in the doctrine of justification and the words of the Creed.** Above all, he should diligently impress upon him the preaching of Jesus Christ, and only after all this should he dwell on his upright life and his pure conversation. Then there will be hope for the father. If the father should not be changed by all this, the son must bear his infirmity, pray, and commend him to God. He should take care in every possible way not to offend his father by his liberty but should become **the spiritual father of him who is his physical father.** If

Week leading to Third-Last Sunday: Nov. 5-11, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 31 (not in LW)

Hymn – HS 806 "The Night Will Soon Be Ending”

Daily Readings –

5 Monday	Jeremiah 7:1-29	Matthew 23:1-12
6 Tuesday	Jeremiah 8:18-9:12	Matthew 23:13-39
7 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Jeremiah 11:1-23 <i>Optional: Jer. 12:1-19:15</i>	Matthew 24:1-28
	Catechesis on Matthew 24:15-28	
8 Thursday	Jeremiah 20:1-18	Matthew 24:29-51
9 Friday	Jeremiah 22:1-23	Matthew 25:1-13
10 Saturday 7:00 PM	Jeremiah 23:1-20	Matthew 25:14-30
	Vespers on Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor Isaiah 55:6-11, Rom. 10:5-17, John 15:1-11	
11 Sunday 10:15 AM	Jeremiah 23:21-40	Matthew 25:31-46
	3rd Last Sunday of the Church Year Ex 32:1-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matt 24:15-28	

Family: “Those who bring forth children outside of marriage are parents too, it is true; but there is no honor in it. Therefore it is said, “Let the marriage bed be undefiled.” In other words, let it not be a whore’s bed or an adulterous bed.... **St. Paul is ... speaking of the purity which should obtain in the marriage estate, that married people should not be fornicators or adulterers and adulteresses. Whatever else occurs in the married state God covers up, for, after all, it is done in order to bring forth children and God approves of this, for it is his ordinance.**

This kind of impurity {*of fornication*}, says God, I do not see {*in marriage*}. Here parents, fathers and mothers, or married people, are excused; God will not consider it impurity on account of inherited sin, nor will he consider it to be a sin. God will rather build his kingdom of heaven over this work and cover up everything that is unclean in it for the sake of his ordinance and creation. **This is the kind of purity St. Paul means when he says: “Let the marriage bed be undefiled.” He is not talking about cleanness in eating and drinking, but rather about marital faithfulness and duty, in which one trusts the other, keeps away from all other persons, and is content with his own spouse; this is what he calls purity.** (“Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545” Luther’s Works, v. 51, p.364-365)

is an honorable and godly life. Just as it would be a dishonor for you, if you were born of a whore out of wedlock, **so it would be a dishonor if parents lived together unmarried.** Therefore to be married is honorable and pleasing to God. **But if for a time you have lived outside of this state in concubinage and led a life of fornication, ah, then stop it and repent, enter into marriage and henceforth live a married and godly life.** Then you will be doing the right and Christian thing. ("Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545" Luther's Works, v. 51, p.364)

Catechism – The Lord's Prayer, First Petition

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!

Collect for Trinity Twenty-Three

Absolve, we implore You, O Lord, Your people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **AMEN.**



The outside of the Catholic Cathedral of St. Mary near The Augustinian Cloister, Erfurt Germany, where Luther was ordained.

for this purpose he adjusts himself to his father, he will not sin by attending mass and other profane rites.

(Luther's Works, v. 54, No. 4568: A Student Goes Home to See His Sick Father, May 7, 1539)

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: **The Eighth Commandment**

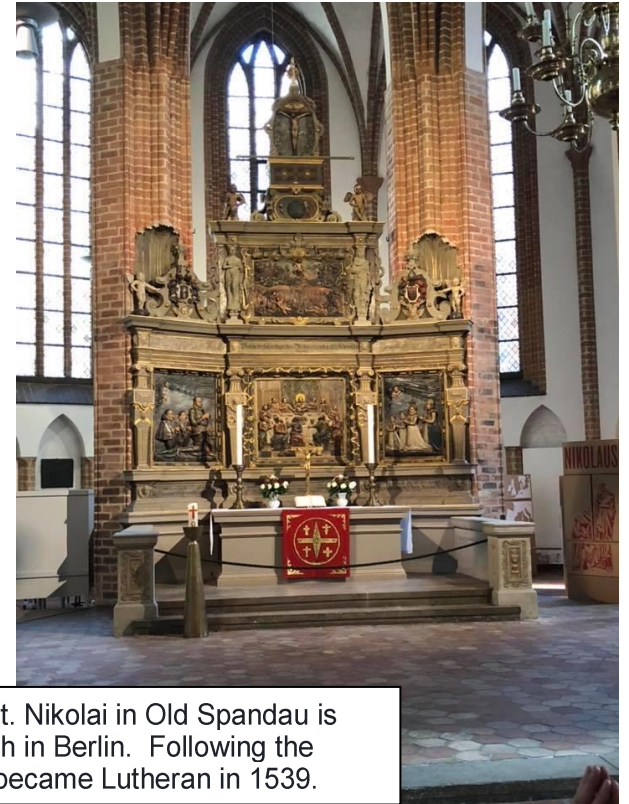
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Collect for Trinity Twelve

Almighty and merciful God, whose gift it is that Your faithful possess all things pertaining to faith and life, we implore You that we may so faithfully cling to Your promises in this life that we fail not finally to attain to Your

heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with the Father and
the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and
forever. **Amen.**



The church of St. Nikolai in Old Spandau is the oldest church in Berlin. Following the Reformation, it became Lutheran in 1539.

Week leading to Trinity Thirteen: August 20-26, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 142 (LW, p. 362-363)

Hymn - #285 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Daily Readings –

20 Monday	2 Samuel 12:1-25 <i>Optional: 2 Sam 13:1-19:43</i> <i>Optional: Psalm 60/3</i>	1 Corinthians 12:1-13
21 Tuesday	1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35	1 Corinthians 12:14-31
22 Wednesday	1 Kings 2:1-27	1 Corinthians 13:1-13 <i>Optional: 1 Cor 14:1-16:23</i>
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Luke 10:23-37	
23 Thursday	1 Kings 3:1-15 <i>Option: 1 Kings 3:16-4:34</i>	2 Corinthians 1:1-22
24 Friday	1 Kings 5:1-18 <i>Optional: 1 Kings 6:1-7:50</i>	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
	St. Bartholomew Prov 3:1-7, 2 Cor 4:7-10, Luke 22:24-30	
25 Saturday	1 Kings 7:51-8:21	2 Corinthians 3:1-18
26 Sunday	1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63 <i>Optional: Psalm 30</i>	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
10:15 AM	Trinity Thirteen Hosea 6:1-6, Gal 3:15-22, Lk 10:23-37	



The baptismal font at St. Nikolai, Old Spandau (Berlin). The building is now a state museum.

Family (Reformation): “The marriage estate is God’s ordinance and we shall stick to this no matter whether they hate and persecute us and will neither regard nor listen to us; this bothers us not at all. We have God; he regards us, along with all the angels and heavenly hosts, he also defends us against all the darts of the devil and our adversaries.

Then, if our dear God and Father in heaven grants you children, nurture and care for them, raise them up in the discipline, fear, and admonition of the Lord. Then you will be doing right and performing better and nobler good works than all the monks and nuns; then you will be living in God’s vocation and ordinance and they contrary to God’s vocation and ordinance. Because I am certain that I have a gracious God, who regards me, nourishes me, and protects me, I do not care that the louse in Rome, the pope, and his lice, the cardinals and bishops, monks and nuns, do not regard or respect me. I pay no attention to it; I am content that God, my dear Father, sees me and has regard for me.

Therefore we also lead brides and grooms to the church, in order that they may publicly confess that they are entering into the holy estate of matrimony in accord with God’s ordinance, that they do not intend to live in concubinage, and they are blessed, and they have no doubt that they are blessed by God. But they must take care that they remain blessed and lead their married life as married persons should, God-fearingly, purely, and unblemished, then they will remain blessed. (“Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545” Luther’s Works, v. 51, p.363-364)

Family(All Saints): Now we know what the marriage estate is, namely, the creation and ordinance of God, and what is essential to it, namely, a man and a wife. Therefore it should also be considered pure by all men. And if the pope were a Christian, he, too, would hold the marriage estate to be holy and pure. But since he is not a Christian, but the Antichrist and the devil himself, he despises holy matrimony and considers it unclean. But God, who ordained and appointed and blessed the marriage estate, honors marriage. Therefore, we, who are Christians and children of God through faith in Christ, should also honor, uphold, cherish, and esteem the marriage estate. **And it should also be kept pure by all; which means that no whore nor adulterer should be found among you, but rather each of you should have his own wife.** Moreover, it was for the sake of the marriage estate that God gave us the fourth commandment and made it the first commandment following the first table, thereby declaring that he wants marriage to be upheld and honored, for he says, “Honor your father and your mother, etc.” [Exod. 20:12]. Why should I honor father and mother; after all they lead a carnal life? No, the life father and mother lead

Week leading to Trinity Twenty-Three: October 29-November 4

Psalm - Psalm 44 (Not in LW)

Hymn – HS 806 "The Night Will Soon Be Ending"

Daily Readings –

29 Monday	Deuteronomy 31:1-29	Matthew 19:16-30
30 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27	Matthew 20:1-16
31 Wednesday 10:30 AM	Deuteronomy 32:28-52 <i>Optional: Deut 33:1-29</i>	Matthew 20:17-34
	Reformation Day Is 55:1-11, Rev 14:6-7, Mt 11:12-15	
	No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis	
1 Thursday 7:00 PM	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Matthew 21:1-22
	All Saints Day Deuteronomy 33:1-3, Rev 7:2-17, Mt 5:1-12	
2 Friday	Jeremiah 1:1-19	Matthew 21:23-46
3 Saturday	Jeremiah 3:6-4:2	Matthew 22:1-22
	<i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	
4 Sunday 10:15 AM	Jeremiah 5:1-19	Matthew 22:23-46
	Trinity Twenty-Three Prov. 8:11-22, Philippians 3:17-21, Matthew 22:15-22	

Family: “Here we have a sure and strong word of comfort: “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled.” Hold fast to that, those of you who are married.

St. Augustine writes in one place concerning married people, that **even if one of them is somewhat weak, etc., he should not be afraid of the sudden and infallible Day of the Lord; even if the Day of the Lord were to come in the hour when man and wife were having marital intercourse, they should not be afraid of it.** Why is this so? Because even if the Lord comes in that hour he will find them in the ordinance and station in which they have been placed and installed by God.

Now, since this is so, nobody, no mandate of emperor, pope, or bishop, shall stand in my way and prevent me. I am content that I have a gracious God, who is pleased with this ordinance, and who also regards me and blesses and protects me. Who made them so bold and who commanded them to tear down this glorious ordinance of God?... (“Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545” Luther’s Works, v. 51, p.362-363)

Family: “The artist and mayor Lucas said that this is a perilous time, that there is widespread disobedience and ingratitude, so that a magistrate is very much occupied with cases involving the relation of parents and children. Luther responded, “There is an old proverb, ‘A father can support ten children better than ten children can support one father.’ It is not for nothing, therefore, that God urges the Fourth Commandment upon us, ‘Honor [your father and your mother] that your days may be long in the land’ [Exod. 20:12].” (Luther’s Works, v. 54, p.267, No. 3751: *Ten Children Cannot Support One Father*, February 17, 1538)

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: **The Ninth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Collect for Trinity Thirteen

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and as we do obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Week leading to Trinity Fourteen: August 27-September 2, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 65 (LW, p.331)

Hymn - #285 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Daily Readings –

27 Monday	1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13 <i>Optional: Psalm 72</i>	2 Corinthians 5:1-21
28 Tuesday	1 Kings 11:1-26	2 Corinthians 6:1-18
29 Wednesday	1 Kings 11:42-12:19	2 Corinthians 7:1-16
No service	No Catechesis/Learn-by -Heart	
30 Thursday	1 Kings 12:20-13:5, 33-34 <i>Optional: 1 Ki 14:1-16:28</i>	2 Corinthians 8:1-24
31 Friday	1 Kings 16:29-17:24	2 Corinthians 9:1-15 <i>Opt: 2 Co 10:1-13:13</i>
1 Saturday	1 Kings 18:1-19	Ephesians 1:1-23
2 Sunday	1 Kings 18:20-40	Ephesians 2:1-22
10:15 AM	Trinity Fourteen Proverbs 4:10-23, Galatians 5:16-24, Luke 17:1-19	

Family: “Martin Luther looked admiringly at a painting of his wife and said, “I think I’ll have a husband added to that painting, send it to Mantua, and inquire whether they prefer marriage [to celibacy].” Then he began to speak in praise of marriage, the divine institution from which everything proceeds and without which the whole world would have remained empty and all creatures would have been meaningless and of no account, since they were created for the sake of man. “So Eve and her breasts would not have existed, and none of the other ordinances would have followed. It was for this reason that, **in the power of the Holy Spirit, Adam called his wife by that admirable name Eve, which means mother. He didn’t say ‘wife’ but ‘mother,’ and he added ‘of all living.’** Here you have the ornament that distinguishes woman, namely, that she is the fount of all living human beings. These words were very few, but neither Demosthenes nor Cicero ever composed such an oration. This is the oration of the very eloquent Holy Spirit, fitted to our first parent. He is the one who declaims here, and since this orator defines and praises [marriage] it is only right that we put a charitable construction on everything that may be frail in a woman. For Christ, our Savior, did not hold woman in contempt but entered the womb of a woman. Paul also reflected on this [when he wrote], ‘Woman will be saved through bearing children,’ etc. [I Tim. 2:15]. This is

anybody in this matter. (“Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545” Luther’s Works, v. 51, p.361-362)

Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Collect for Trinity Twenty-Two

O God, our Refuge and Strength, the Author of all godliness, be ready, we implore You, to hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The gothic choir stalls date to 1370. The Catholic Cathedral of St. Mary near The Augustinian Cloister, Erfurt Germany, where Luther was ordained.

Week leading to Trinity Twenty-Two: October 22-28, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 133 (LW, p. 358)

Hymn – HS 806 "The Night Will Soon Be Ending"

Daily Readings –

22 Monday	Deuteronomy 21:1-23 <i>Optional: Dt 22:1-24:9</i>	Matthew 16:1-12
23 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10	Matthew 16:13-28
24 Wednesday	Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19	Matthew 17:1-13
6:30 PM	Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis on Mt. 18:21-35	
25 Thursday	Deuteronomy 27:1-26	Matthew 17:14-27
26 Friday	Deuteronomy 28:1-22	Matthew 18:1-20
27 Saturday	Deuteronomy 29:1-29	Matthew 18:21-35
28 Sunday	Deuteronomy 30:1-20	Matthew 19:1-15
8:00 AM	Matins on Sts. Simon & Jude Dt 32:1-4, 1Pt 1:3-9, Jn 15:17-21	
10:15 AM	Trinity Twenty-Two Micah 6:6-8, Philippians 1:3-11, Matthew 18:21-35	

Family: “Here it is written: “God will judge the immoral and adulterous.” It is not written that God will judge and condemn the married, but rather the whoremongers and adulterers. For if God were to condemn and judge the married people, he would have to condemn himself. But God does not do this, but rather is well pleased with married people, as those who live and walk in his ordinance and creation....

Therefore, those who are married should be cheerful and confident and grateful to God that they are in an estate which has been ordained and blessed by God, of sure hope and assurance that God will keep his ordinance and blessing, regardless of whether it annoys the devil, the pope in Rome, and therefore prompts them to condemn this estate....

I say this for the comfort of all those who are in the married state, that they may be emboldened and encouraged. **If all of you who are married are not rich, as not all of you can be rich, then be satisfied with what you have, and let it be your strong consolation that you have been married in accord with divine ordinance, and be assured that God will keep watch over this his ordinance and blessing.** Nor do we desire to prevent or force

admirable praise, except that he uses the little word ‘woman’ and not ‘mother.’ ” (Luther’s Works, v. 54, p.222, *No. 3528: In Praise of Women and Marriage, Between January 14 and 31, 1537*)

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: **The Tenth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Collect for Trinity Fourteen

Keep, we implore You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of the frailty of mankind without You cannot but fail, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The pulpit at St. Nikolai Church in Old Spandau, Berlin. In the 17th century, the prominent hymn writer Paul Gerhardt was the minister there.



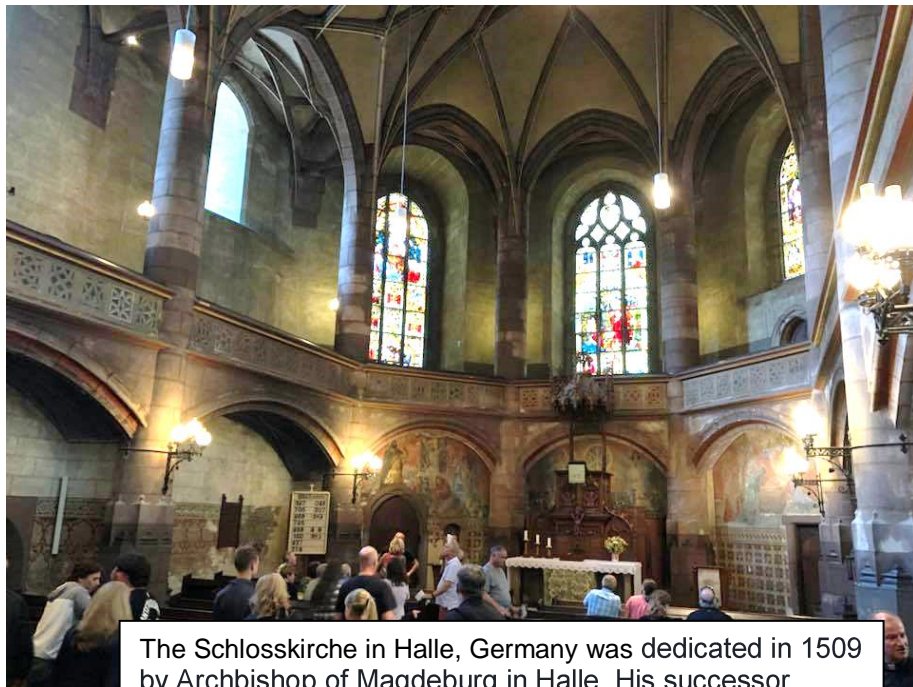
Week leading to Trinity Fifteen: September 3-9, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 86 (not in LW)

Hymn - #285 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Daily Readings –

3 Monday Labor Day	1 Kings 19:1-21 <i>Option: 1 Kings 20:1-22:53</i>	Ephesians 3:1-21
4 Tuesday	2 Kings 2:1-18	Ephesians 4:1-24
5 Wednesday 6:30 PM	2 Kings 2:19-25, 4:1-7 Catechesis on Matthew 6:24-34	Ephesians 4:25-5:14
6 Thursday	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37	Ephesians 5:15-33
7 Friday	2 Kings 4:38-5:8	Ephesians 6:1-24
8 Saturday	2 Kings 5:9-27	Philippians 1:1-20
9 Sunday 10:15 AM	2 Kings 6:1-23 <i>Optional: 2 Kings 6:24-8:29</i> Trinity Fifteen 1 Kings 17:8-16, Galatians 5:25-6:10, Matthew 6:24-34	Philippians 1:21-2:11



The Schlosskirche in Halle, Germany was dedicated in 1509 by Archbishop of Magdeburg in Halle. His successor, Cardinal Albrecht, was the one who authorized the sale of indulgences in Germany. The church now serves a SELK Lutheran congregation.

Catechism – The Apostles' Creed, Third Article & Meaning

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.

Collect for Trinity Twenty-One

Lord, we implore You to keep Your household the Church in continual godliness, that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Cathedral Church of St. Mary's in Erfurt is near The Augustinian Cloister, Erfurt Germany. This is the church in which Luther was ordained on April 3, 1507.

Week leading to Twenty-One: October 15-21, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 119:105-112 (LW, p. 353)

Hymn - #213 "We All Believe in One True God, Maker"

Daily Readings –

15 Monday	Deuteronomy 13:1-18	Matthew 13:1-23
16 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23, 28-29; 15:1-15	Matthew 13:24-43
17 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22 Catechesis on John 4:46-54	Matthew 13:44-58
18 Thursday 10:30 AM	Deuteronomy 17:1-20 St. Luke, Evangelist Isaiah 35:5-8, 2 Tim 4:5-15, Lk 10:1-9	Matthew 14:1-21
19 Friday	Deuteronomy 18:1-22	Matthew 14:22-36
20 Saturday	Deuteronomy 19:1-20	Matthew 15:1-20
21 Sunday 10:15 AM	Deuteronomy 20:1-20 Trinity Twenty-one Genesis 1:1-2:3, Ephesians 6:10-17, John 4:46-54	Matthew 15:21-39

Family: “Here let the pope, cardinals, monks, nuns, and priests pull a sour face; what do we care about that? If they will not look at us with friendly and pure eyes, then let them look at the whorehouses and the impure, filthy, and befouled cloisters. **We are content to know that we are esteemed by God and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who sits at the right hand of God and rules all things, the one who ordained the marriage estate and placed us in it and watches over this estate until the last day.** Because I know this and most certainly believe it, I am happy and confident, and I live in the holy ordinance of marriage with a good conscience and a happy mind. For here God says to the man: You are my man; and to the woman: You are my woman. And because I know that God speaks so to me, I also know that all the angels speak so to me, and love me and respect me. I also know that the sun, moon, and all the stars look upon me and minister to me with their light and influence, even though this terribly vexes the devil with his scales, the popes, cardinals, and monks, who also are the devil’s. I don’t care a snap for them; even though they were a thousand against one, I don’t care. If they don’t want to regard me or listen to me, then in the devil’s name let them take a look in Morolf’s looking glass. (“Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545” Luther’s Works, v. 51, p.360-361)

Family: The work of a married woman is not continuous praying and fasting, but the godly administration of children and the household, and the taking care of parents, as St. Paul says [I Tim. 5:4]. (Luther’s Works, v. 52, p.124)

So I say in this case too: We were all created to do as our parents have done, to beget and rear children. This is a duty which God has laid upon us, commanded, and implanted in us, as is proved by our bodily members, our daily emotions, and the example of all mankind. (Luther’s Works, v. 45 p.155)

Catechism - 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.

Collect for Trinity Fifteen

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church, and because she cannot continue in safety without Your help, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Week leading to Trinity Sixteen: September 10-16, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 102 (not in LW)

Hymn - #285 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Daily Readings –

10 Monday	2 Kings 9:1-12; 10:18-29 <i>Optional: 2 Kings 13:1-18:8</i>	Philippians 2:12-30
11 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 29:1-24	Philippians 3:1-21
12 Wednesday	2 Chronicles 31:1-21 <i>Optional: Hosea 1:1-14:9</i>	Philippians 4:1-23
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Luke 7:11-17	
13 Thursday	2 Chronicles 32:1-22 <i>Optional: Jonah 1:1-4:1</i>	Colossians 1:1-23
14 Friday	2 Chronicles 33:1-25	Colossians 1:24-2:7
	Holy Cross Day Isaiah 45:21-25, 1 Cor 1:18-24, John 12:20-33	
15 Saturday	2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 <i>Optional: Nahum 1:1-3:19</i>	Colossians 2:8-23
16 Sunday	2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25 <i>Optional: Zephaniah 1:1-3:20</i>	Colossians 3:1-25
10:15 AM	Trinity Sixteen 1 Kings 17:17-24, Ephesians 3:13-21, Luke 7:11-17	

Family: “There is no nobler work than that of being a parent, a preacher, or a magistrate. If you are a husband, a preacher, or a magistrate, learn not so say: Oh, if I were that fellow; he has the silver chain. Rather look to the station to which you have been called. If you are a preacher, a husband, a magistrate, you do not do what you do as a human work. There Peter has nailed the pope’s hands to the cross, so that I need preach nothing but the Word of God. The preacher teaches the church and parents teach their children; they guide the family in upright conduct and command that which is God’s commandment. **A master does not say: Commit adultery, etc., but rather: Do no injury to me or to others, in order that all things may be governed as of God. Likewise a magistrate does not command stealing, but what is beneficial to the city and the common welfare. Thus we may know with certainty that it is a divine work and that this is God’s Word.** And nobody should undertake to do anything unless he knows with certainty that he can say: Here is the Word of God. A servant should think in this way: I am not obeying a man, but God. **It is not the**

esteem it. (“Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545” (Luther’s Works, v. 51, p.359-360))

Catechism – The Apostles’ Creed, Third Article & Meaning

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.

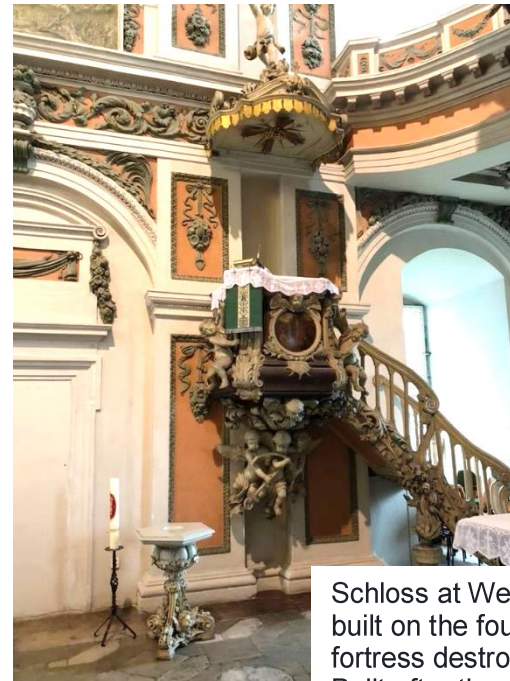
What does this mean?

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.



Schloss at Weissenfels. 17th century castle built on the foundations of a 12th century fortress destroyed during the 30-years War. Built after the war, it is said to be the first Lutheran church to be built.

Collect for Trinity Twenty

Grant, we implore You, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Week leading to Trinity Twenty: October 8-14, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 125 (not in LW)

Hymn - #213 "We All Believe in One True God, Maker"

Daily Readings –

8 Monday	Deuteronomy 7:1-19	Matthew 10:1-23
9 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 8:1-20	Matthew 10:24-42
10 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Deuteronomy 9:1-22	Matthew 11:1-19
	Catechesis on Matthew 22:1-14	
11 Thursday	Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22	Matthew 11:20-30
12 Friday	Deuteronomy 11:1-25	Matthew 12:1-21
13 Saturday	Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12	Matthew 12:22-37
14 Sunday 10:15 AM	Deuteronomy 12:13-32	Matthew 12:38-50
	Trinity Twenty Isaiah 55:1-9, Ephesians 5:15-21, Matthew 22:1-14	

Family: “The pope and his cardinals, monks, nuns, and priests have tried to improve things and ordain a holy estate in which they might live in holiness and chastity. But how holy, pure, and chaste the lives of popes, cardinals, bishops, monks, priests, and nuns have been is so apparent that the sun, moon, and stars have cried out against it. Pigsties are nasty, dirty places, but they are clean and pure compared with the cloisters; for they have been leading such a chaste and pure life in the cloisters that one cannot very well even speak of it. Why, then, did this happen? Because **they tore down and despised God’s holy ordinance of the estate of matrimony and they were not worthy to enter into marriage.** But here those who have entered into holy matrimony in accord with God’s ordinance should love and esteem this saying of St. Paul:

“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, etc
They should also pride themselves upon and comfort themselves with the fact that they are married; for here a man can say: **I thank God that I have been created a man by God; or a woman: I thank God that I have been created a woman; and that we have also been placed by God in the holy estate of marriage in order to bring forth children according to his blessing and will.** This honor, which those who are married have, is far greater. Therefore, nobody should hate or condemn this estate and ordinance of God, as the pope and his followers do, but rather highly exalt it and love and

parents who are honored by their children, but God, Christ.

Likewise, if you despise parents, magistrates, preaching, you are really despising God. The pope preached the opposite; he preached that children should leave the parental home and go into the monastery; husbands even deserted their wives. The Anabaptists are also preaching something different and new. Whenever you hear me, you hear not me, but Christ. I do not give you my baptism, my body and blood; I do not absolve you. But he that has an office, let him administer that office in such a way that he is certain that it comes from God and does everything according to the Word of God, not according to our free will. Very much needs to be preached concerning this to check the abuses which the devil has introduced. When everything that is said and done is said and done in accord with God’s Word, then the glory of Christ and God will be done to all eternity. (Luther’s Works, v. 51 , p.298)

Catechism - The Apostles’ Creed, First Article & Meaning

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He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Collect for Trinity Sixteen

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may be continually given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Week leading to Trinity Seventeen: September 17-23, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 33 (not in LW)

Hymn - #285 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Daily Readings –

17 Monday	2 Chronicles 36:1-23	Colossians 4:1-18 <i>Opt: Philemon 1-25</i>
18 Tuesday	Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 <i>Optional: Haggai 1:1-2:23</i>	1 Timothy 1:1-20
19 Wednesday 7:00 AM 6:30 PM	Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6	1 Timothy 2:1-15
	Matins on Ember Wednesday after Holy Cross Amos 9:13-15, Nehemiah 8:1-10, Mark 9:16-28	
	Catechesis on Luke 14:1-11	
20 Thursday	Nehemiah 4:7-23	1 Timothy 3:1-16
21 Friday	Nehemiah 5:1-16, 6:1-9, 15-16	1 Timothy 4:1-16
	Ember Friday after Holy Cross Hosea 14:2-10, Luke 7:36-50	
	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Proverbs 3:1-6, Ephesians 4:7-16, Matthew 9:9-13	
22 Saturday 7:00 AM	Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18 <i>Optional: Ezra 1:1-10:19</i>	1 Timothy 5:1-16
	Matins on Ember Saturday after Holy Cross Hebrews 9:2-12, Luke 13:6-17	
23 Sunday 10:15 AM	Nehemiah 9:1-21	1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
	Trinity Seventeen Proverbs 25:6-14, Ephesians 4:1-6, Luke 14:1-11	

Family: “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous” (Heb. 13:4).

This is a sermon concerning the holy estate of matrimony which is highly necessary, especially among Christians, that all men may know what the holy estate of matrimony really is and where it comes from, so that we shall not go on living so casually from day to day, like the heathen and dumb brutes who neither ask nor think about these things, but simply go on interbreeding and cohabiting promiscuously. No, among Christians, it must not be so; but rather as St. Paul says in I Thess. 4 [:3–5], “This is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from immorality; that each one of you know how to take a wife for himself in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like heathen who do not know God.”

as to condemn this ordinance and despise it as useless, unholy, and unnecessary? (“Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545” (Luther’s Works, v. 51, p.359)

Catechism - The Apostles’ Creed, Second Article & Meaning
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What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Collect for Trinity Nineteen

O almighty and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we implore You, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that You would have done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Week leading to Trinity Nineteen: Oct. 1-7, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 139 (LW, p.361-362)

Hymn - #213 "We All Believe in One True God, Maker"

Daily Readings –

1 Monday	Deuteronomy 2:16-37	Matthew 6:16-34
2 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 3:1-29	Matthew 7:1-12
3 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Deuteronomy 4:1-20	Matthew 7:13-29
	Catechesis on Matthew 9:1-8	
4 Thursday	Deuteronomy 4:21-40	Matthew 8:1-17
5 Friday	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Matthew 8:18-34
6 Saturday	Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9	Matthew 9:1-17
7 Sunday 10:15 AM	Deuteronomy 6:10-25	Matthew 9:18-38
	Trinity Nineteen Genesis 28:10-17, Ephesians 4:22-28, Matthew 9:1-8	

Family: Therefore all men should marry and be married, and since through the fall of our first parents we have been so spoiled that we are not all fit for marriage, yet those who are not fit for the married state should so live that they walk chastely and honorably and give offense to no one, though at the beginning it was not so and all were fit to become married. **But now it happens that some do not want to enter the state of matrimony even though they are fit and qualified to marriage.** Some, on the other hand, would like to be married and are unable to do so. Neither do I condemn and disapprove of these. The third group, however, who desire and want to be married and are also fit and competent to do so, even though they enter the marriage state contrary to human laws, do what is right, and nobody should be scandalized by what they do. For the married state should not be forbidden to anyone who is competent to be married, but should be free and open to everyone. And this estate should not be condemned and rejected as something foul and unclean, as the pope and his followers do. For to be married is an ordinance and institution of God, since when God created man and woman, he himself placed them in this estate in which they not only could but should live godly, honorable, pure, and chaste lives, bearing children and peopling the world, indeed, the kingdom of God.

Who, then, would be so bold as to tear down the glorious, holy ordinance of God or to say anything against it? Who, then, is so bold

Therefore Christians should live in sanctification, not like swine and animals, nor like the heathen, who neither regard nor honor this estate. There is much to preach concerning this holy estate and divine ordinance of marriage, for it is the oldest of all estates in the whole world; indeed, all others are derived from that estate in which Adam and Eve, our first parents, were created and ordained and in which they and all their God-fearing children and descendants lived. ("Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545" (Luther's Works, v. 51, p.357-358)

Catechism - The Apostles' Creed, First Article & Meaning

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This is most certainly true.

Collect for Trinity Seventeen

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Week leading to Trinity Eighteen: September 24-30, 2018

Psalm - Psalm 96 (LW, p.338)

Hymn - #285 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Daily Readings –

24 Monday	Nehemiah 9:22-38 <i>Opt: Nehemiah 10:1-13:31</i>	1 Timothy 6:3-21
25 Tuesday	Malachi 1:1-14	Matthew 3:1-17
26 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Malachi 2:1-3:5 Catechesis on Matthew 22:34-46	Matthew 4:1-11
27 Thursday	Malachi 3:6-4:6	Matthew 4:12-25
28 Friday	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Matthew 5:1-20
29 Saturday 7:00 PM	Deuteronomy 1:19-36 Vespers on St. Michael and All Angels Daniel 12:1-3, Revelation 12:7-12, Matthew 18:1-10	Matthew 5:21-48
30 Sunday 10:15 AM	Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15 Trinity Eighteen Deut 10:12-21, 1 Cor 1:1-9, Matthew 22:34-46	Matthew 6:1-15

Family: “For there it is, written in the first book of Moses: “God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it’ ” [Gen. 1:27–28].

There it is; these are not my words nor those of any other man, **but God’s Word**. This is the way he created and ordained it, and he who will not believe it, let him leave it. **Moreover, the daily birth and arrival of all men proves that God wants his creation and ordinance, the holy estate of matrimony, to be maintained, in that little men and women are born and begin to grow up every day.**

So every single one of us must declare and confess that we have not made or created ourselves; nor can we do it, neither could our parents do it. Who, then? The almighty, eternal God, the creator of all things, who first created and ordained little men and women for the marriage estate, he created us too for this estate. For I must freely confess and declare that I was created a male child, another a female child; I must confess that I am not a stone or a stick, but rather born and created a human being, man or woman. No man in the whole world, from the first to the latest, can say anything else. The people, especially the papists, are still raging and fuming beyond all bounds against this glorious creation of God, as if it should not exist. And if it were in the pope’s hand and power to create men, it would surely not exist; for he would not create or allow a single woman to exist in the whole world. What would happen then? Human beings would pass away. For it is certain that nobody is born without a mother; but what is

born comes from the mother. **And just as Adam did not make himself, but was created by God, so all men must be created by God in the womb and there sustained and later be born with God’s help into the world.**

(“Sermon at Marriage of Sigismund von Luindenau, 1545” Luther’s Works, v. 51, p.358-359)

Catechism - The Apostles’ Creed, Second Article & Meaning

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Collect for Trinity Eighteen

O God, forasmuch as without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
