

blessing us Germans above all other lands. We do not see many instances where the devil has allowed them to flourish by means of the universities and monasteries; indeed, these have always raged against languages and are even now raging. For the devil smelled a rat, and perceived that if the languages were revived a hole would be knocked in his kingdom which he could not easily stop up again. Since he found he could not prevent their revival, he now aims to keep them on such slender rations that they will of themselves decline and pass away. They are not a welcome guest in his house, so he plans to offer them such meager entertainment that they will not prolong their stay. Very few of us, my dear sirs, see through this evil design of the devil” (Luther’s Works, v. 45 p. 357).

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*)

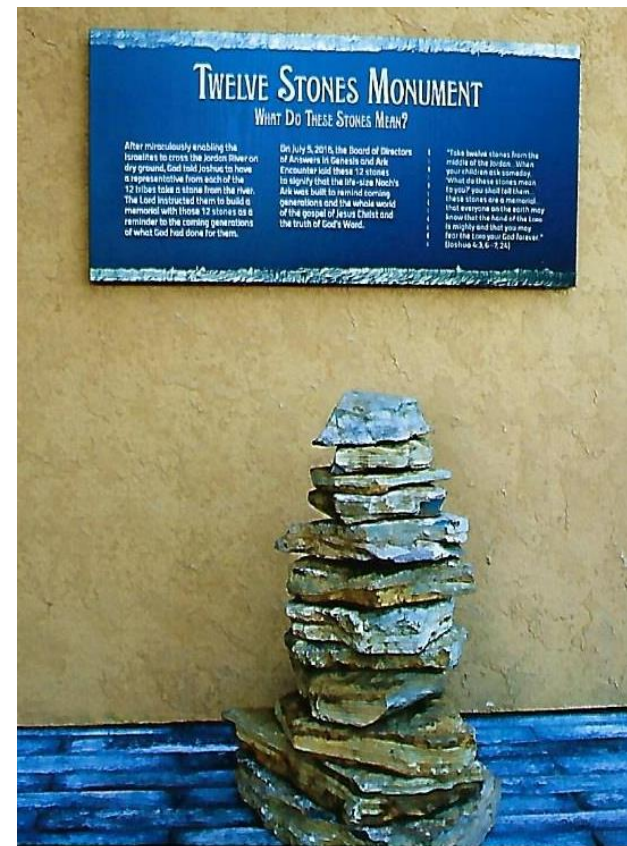
Stir up your power, O Lord, and come to rescue us from the threatening perils of our sins, and save us by Your promised deliverance; for You now live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** **-MDH**

“Baconian” Philosophy

“The influence of ‘Baconian’ philosophy has progressively caused the Church to disconnect the Bible from the real world—it is relegated to a book of stories, albeit with wonderful teachings about salvation and morality.... Each generation, though, became more and more consistent—if the Bible’s history is not true, how can the rest of it be true? If the earthly teachings can’t be trusted—how can the spiritual teachings be believed?

The result today is that increasing numbers of people no longer see the Bible as relevant, and so they reject its morality and salvation” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.123-124).

Our Family Daily Prayers Trinity 8 - End of Church Year 2019



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Our Family Daily Prayers – 2019

Follow the order for Daily Devotions in Lutheran Worship, p.293.

Week leading to Trinity Eight: Aug 5-11, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 78 (Not in LW)

Hymn – LW 187 “When All the World Was Cursed” (TLH 272)

Daily Readings –

5 Monday	1 Samuel 19:1-24 <i>Optional: Psalm 59</i>	Acts 28:1-15
6 Tuesday	1 Samuel 20:1-23	Acts 28:16-31
7 Wednesday	1 Samuel 20:24-42 <i>Optional: 1 Sam. 21:1-23;29</i>	1 Corinthians 1:1-25
	No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis	
8 Thursday	1 Samuel 24:1-22 <i>Optional: Psalm 142</i>	1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16
9 Friday	1 Samuel 25:1-22	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
10 Saturday	1 Samuel 25:23-44	1 Corinthians 4:1-21
7:00 PM	Vespers on St. Laurence Lamentations 3:22-33, Rev 6:9-11, Mark 8:34-38	
11 Sunday	1 Samuel 26:1-25 <i>Optional: 1 Sam 27:1-28:2</i>	1 Corinthians 5:1-13
10:15 AM	Trinity Eight Jeremiah 23:16-29, Acts 20:27-38, Matthew 7:15-23	

#51 After a Sound Thrashing, Cookies!

By soothing the Galatians this way Paul prepares their minds to bear the fatherly rebukes with filial feeling. This is like tempering absinthe or bitter medicine with honey and sugar to make it sweet again. Thus **when parents have given their children a sound thrashing, they soothe them by offering them cookies, cakes, pears, apples, and such little presents**, by which the children recognize that the parents meant it for their good, even though the punishment was severe. (Luther’s Works, v. 26 p.417)

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.

Week leading to Advent One: November 25-December 1, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 24 (LW, p.321)

Hymn – TLH #448 “Brief Life Is Here Our Portion”

Daily Readings –

25 Monday	Dan 5:1-30 <i>Optional: Dan 7:1-8:27</i>	Rev. 21:9-27
26 Tuesday	Dan 6:1-28 <i>Optional: Dan 9:1-27</i>	Rev 22:1-27
27 Wednesday	Isaiah 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Matthew 21:1-9	
28 Thursday	Isaiah 2:1-22	1 Pet 1:13-25
9:00 AM	Matins on Day of National Thanksgiving Isa 61:10-11, 1 Tim 2:1-18, Lk 17:11-19	
29 Friday	Isaiah 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12
30 Saturday	Isaiah 6:1-7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25
	Church decorating for Advent, 6 PM – 7 PM	
7:00 PM	Vespers on St. Andrew, Apostle Deut 30:11-14, Romans 10:8-18, Matt 4:18-22	
1 Sunday	Isaiah 7:10—8:8	1 Pet 3:1-22
10:15 AM	Advent One Jeremiah 23:5-8, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 21:1-9	

#1 Languages and the Arts: “All right,” you say again, “suppose we do have to have schools; what is the use of teaching Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, and the other liberal arts? We could just as well use German for teaching the Bible and God’s word, which is enough for our salvation.”²⁰ I reply: Alas! I am only too well aware that we Germans must always be and remain brutes and stupid beasts, as the neighboring nations call us, epithets which we richly deserve. But I wonder why we never ask, “What is the use of silks, wine, spices, and other strange foreign wares when we ourselves have in Germany wine, grain, wool, flax, wood, and stone not only in quantities sufficient for our needs, but also of the best and choicest quality for our glory and ornament?” Languages and the arts, which can do us no harm, but are actually a greater ornament, profit, glory, and benefit, both for the understanding of Holy Scripture and the conduct of temporal government—these we despise. But foreign wares, which are neither necessary nor useful, and in addition strip us down to a mere skeleton—these we cannot do without. Are not we Germans justly dubbed fools and beasts? Truly, if there were no other benefit connected with the languages, this should be enough to delight and inspire us, namely, that they are so fine and noble a gift of God, with which he is now so richly visiting and

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.

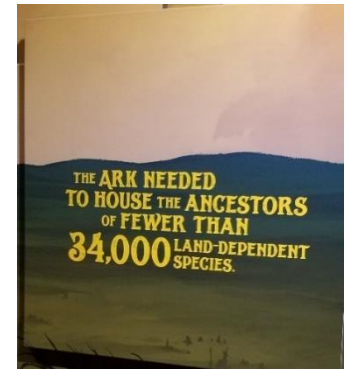
At Church ... but at School

“This ‘real’ history the world teaches encompasses such things as the earth is billions of years old; man evolved from ape-like ancestors; the Bible has nothing to do with science; the ‘big bang’ brought the universe into existence; there was no Adam and Eve; there was no Fall into sin; the evidence of animals changing (by mutation and natural selection) is deceptively equated with molecules-to-man evolution; the Bible teaches religion, but school teach ‘real’ science, etc.” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.120-121).



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.**



Doing the Lord's Bidding

“No matter what’s going on in the culture, we need to be doing what God has clearly instructed us to do. We’re to be about the business of the King, preaching the Gospel, giving answers, and contending for the faith (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15; Jude 1:3). “...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence (1 Peter 3:15, NASB).” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.85).

Not as Bad as it Was

“I don’t think the culture is as bad as it was in the days of Noah. The Bible makes it clear that only eight people went through the door of the Ark to be saved.... Now we do have rampant sin in our culture. And in many ways, I believe Romans 1 is a description of what is happening in our Western World.... Even though there is increasing Christian persecution throughout the world and the sin of abortion and rejection of God’s Word concerning marriage and gender is rampant, our culture is not yet like it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. Remember, God would have saved Sodom if there were ten righteous people—but there weren’t even ten!” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.87).

Week leading to Trinity Nine: Aug 12-18, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 54 (not in LW)

Hymn – LW 187 “When All the World Was Cursed” (TLH 272)

Daily Readings –

12 Monday	1 Samuel 28:3-25 <i>Optional: 1 Sam 29:1-30:30</i>	1 Corinthians 6:1-20
13 Tuesday	1 Samuel 31:1-13	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
14 Wednesday 6:30 PM	2 Samuel 1:1-27 Catechesis on Luke 16:1-13	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
15 Thursday 10:30 AM	2 Samuel 5:1-25 St. Mary Mother of Our Lord Isaiah 61:10-11, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
16 Friday	2 Samuel 6:1-19 <i>Optional: Psalm 105/96</i>	1 Corinthians 9:1-23
17 Saturday	2 Samuel 7:1-17	1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22
18 Sunday 10:15 AM	2 Samuel 7:18-29 Trinity Nine 2 Samuel 22:26-34, 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, Luke 16:1-13	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16

#52 Honor is More Than Love

The first work is that we should honor our own father and mother. This honoring does not consist in merely showing them all deference. It means that we obey them, have regard for what they do and what they say, esteem them highly, give way to them, and accept what they say. It means that we endure their treatment of us without complaint, so long as it is not contrary to the first three commandments, and, in addition, provide them with food, clothing, and shelter when they are in need. For it is not without purpose that he has said, “Thou shalt honor them.” He does not say, “Thou shalt love them,” although it means that as well. **But honor is higher than mere love, and includes within it a kind of fear which unites with love and has such an effect upon a man that he fears offending them more than he fears the ensuing punishment. It is just as there is fear in the honor we pay a holy place, and yet we do not flee from it as from a punishment, but draw all the more near to it.** True honor is such a fear mingled with love. The other kind of fear that is without love is the fear of those things which we despise or avoid, e.g., the fear of the hangman or of punishment. There is no honor in that, for it is fear without love: in fact, it is a fear mixed

Week leading to Last Sunday in Church Year: Nov. 18-24, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 39 (Not in LW)

Hymn – TLH #448 “Brief Life Is Here Our Portion”

Daily Readings –

18 Monday	Jeremiah 37:1-21	Matthew 27:33-56 <i>Option: Rev 17:1-18</i>
19 Tuesday	Jeremiah 38:1-28 <i>Optional: Jer 39:1-44:30</i>	Matthew 27:57-66
20 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Daniel 1:1-21 Catechesis on Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 28:1-20
21 Thursday	Daniel 2:1-23	Revelation 18:1-24
22 Friday	Daniel 2:24-49	Revelation 19:1-21
23 Saturday	Daniel 3:1-30	Revelation 20:1-15
24 Sunday 10:15 AM	Dan 4:1-37 Last Sunday of the Church Year Isaiah 65:17-25, 1 Thess 5:1-11, Matthew 25:1-13	Rev 21:1-8

#72 Temporal Government Needs Wise Men to Rule: After all, temporal government has to continue.¹⁸ Are we then to permit none but louts and boors to rule, when we can do better than that? That would certainly be a crude and senseless policy. We might as well make lords out of swine and wolves, and set them to rule over those who refuse to give any thought to how they are ruled by men. Moreover, it is barbarous wickedness to think no further than this: We will rule now; what concern is it of ours how they will fare who come after us? Not over human beings, but over swine and dogs should such persons rule who in rifling seek only their own profit or glory. Even if we took the utmost pains to develop a group of able, learned, and skilled people for positions in government, there would still be plenty of labor and anxious care involved in seeing that things went well. What then is to happen if we take no pains at all? (Luther’s Works, v. 45 p. 357).

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.



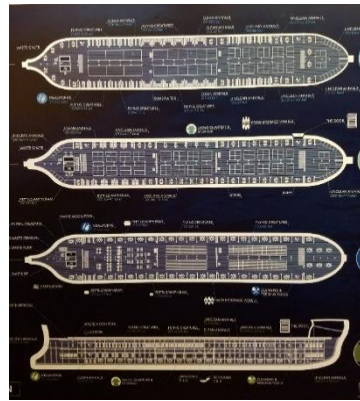
Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The Third Petition

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.**



with hatred and hostility. We have a proverb of St. Jerome about this: What we fear, we also hate. God does not want to be feared or honored with that kind of fear, nor does he want our parents honored with this kind of fear, but rather with the first kind, the kind mingled with love and confidence” (Luther’s Works, v. 44 p.81).

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 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.**

What God’s Word Instructs

- “1. **Contend for the Faith:** Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3).
2. **Give answers for what you believe:** ...but in your heart honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15).
3. **Preach the Gospel:** And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15) (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.87).

Week leading to Trinity Ten: August 19-25, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 55 (not in LW)

Hymn – LW 187 “When All the World Was Cursed” (TLH 272)

Daily Readings –

19 Monday	2 Samuel 11:1-27 <i>Optional: Psalm 51</i>	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
20 Tuesday	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 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35 Catechesis on Luke 19:41-48	1 Corinthians 12:14-31
22 Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-27	1 Corinthians 13:1-13 <i>Optional: 1 Cor 14:1-16:23</i>
23 Friday	1 Kings 3:1-15 <i>Option: 1 Kings 3:16-4:34</i>	2 Corinthians 1:1-22
24 Saturday No service	1 Kings 5:1-18 <i>Optional: 1 Kings 6:1-7:50</i> St. Bartholomew Prov 3:1-7, 2 Cor 4:7-10, Luke 22:24-30	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
25 Sunday 10:15 AM	1 Kings 7:51-8:21 Trinity Ten Jeremiah 8:4-12, Romans 9:30-10:4, Luke 19:41-48	2 Corinthians 3:1-18

#53 Godly Parents Break Their Children’s Sinful Will

2. This work appears easy, yet few see it rightly. For **where the parents are truly godly and love their children not just in human fashion, but (as they ought) instruct and direct them by words and works to serve God in the first three commandments**, then in these cases the child’s own will is constantly broken. The child must do, not do, or put up with whatever his own nature would gladly have otherwise. Because of this he finds occasion to despise his parents, murmur against them, or worse. Love and fear depart when God’s grace is not there. Likewise, when parents quite properly—though at times unjustly—punish and chastise, the soul’s salvation is not imperiled; the evil nature is just unwilling to accept it. Besides all this, some are so wicked as to be ashamed of their parents because of their poverty, lowly birth, ugliness, or dishonor, and allow these things to influence them more than the high commandment of God, who is above all things and who has, with benevolent intent, given

Week leading to Second-Last Sunday: November 11-17, 2019

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

Hymn – TLH #448 “Brief Life Is Here Our Portion”

Daily Readings –

11 Monday <i>Veterans’ Day</i>	Jeremiah 23:21-40	Matthew 25:31-46
12 Tuesday	Jeremiah 25:1-18	Matthew 26:1-19
13 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Jeremiah 26:1-19 Catechesis on Matthew 25:31-46	Matthew 26:20-35 <i>Optional: Rev 13:1-18</i>
14 Thursday	Jeremiah 29:1-19	Matthew 26:36-56 <i>Optional: Rev 14:1-20</i>
15 Friday	Jeremiah 30:1-24	Matthew 26:57-75 <i>Optional: Rev 15:1-18</i>
16 Saturday	Jeremiah 31:1-17, 23-34	Matthew 27:1-10 <i>Optional: Rev 16:1-21</i>
17 Sunday 10:15 AM	Jeremiah 33:1-22 <i>Optional: Jer 34:1-36:32; 45:1-51:64</i> 2nd Last Sunday of the Church Year Daniel 7:9-14, 2 Peter 3:3-14, Matthew 25:31-46	Matthew 27:11-32

#71 The Universal Dearth of Wise and Competent Men

Since a city should and must have [educated] people, and since there is a **universal dearth** of them and complaint that they are nowhere to be found, we dare not wait until they grow up of themselves; neither can we carve them out of stone nor hew them out of wood. Nor will God perform miracles as long as men can solve their problems by means of the other gifts he has already granted them. **Therefore, we must do our part and spare no labor or expense to produce and train such people ourselves.** For whose fault is it that today our cities have so few capable people? Whose fault, if not that of authorities, who have left the young people to grow up like saplings in the forest, and have given no thought to their instruction and training? This is also why they have grown to maturity so misshapen that they cannot be used for building purposes, but are mere brushwood, fit only for kindling fires (Luther’s Works, v. 45 p. 356-357).

career. Their system produced intelligent, wise, and competent men, so skilled in every art and rich in experience that if all the bishops, priests, and monks in the whole of Germany today were rolled into one, you would not have the equal of a single Roman soldier. As a result their country prospered; they had capable and trained men for every position. So at all times throughout the world simple necessity has forced men, even among the heathen, to maintain pedagogues and schoolmasters if their nation was to be brought to a high standard. **Hence, the word “schoolmaster” is used by Paul** in Galatians 4¹⁶ as a word taken from the common usage and practice of mankind, where he says, “The law was our schoolmaster.” (Luther’s Works, v. 45 p. 356).

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.**

Spiritual Teachings and History

“Much of the church has adopted the spiritual teachings of the Bible (the message of morality and salvation—even that is somewhat questionable today with so much compromise on Genesis in the church!), but has rejected a significant amount of its history. The is, to most, a book of stories containing important ‘truths.’ But the history (particularly in the early chapters of Genesis) is not viewed as important –or even real.” (Gospel Reset by Ken Ham, p.119).

them such parents, to exercise and try them in his commandment. But the matter becomes still worse when the child in turn has children of his own. Then love for them increases, while the love and honor due to the parents declines.

But what is said and commanded of parents must also be understood of those who, when the parents are dead or not there, take their place, such as friends, relatives, godparents, temporal lords, and spiritual fathers. For everybody must be ruled and subject to other men. So we see here again how many good works are taught in this commandment, for in it all our life is made subject to other men. That is the reason obedience is so highly praised, and all virtue and good works are included in it” (Luther’s Works, v. 44 p.82).

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 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.**



Week leading to Trinity Eleven: August 26-Sep. 1, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 28 (LW, p. 323)

Hymn – TLH #41 “Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

Daily Readings –

26 Monday	1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63 <i>Optional: Psalm 30</i>	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
27 Tuesday	1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13 <i>Optional: Psalm 72</i>	2 Corinthians 5:1-21
28 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 Kings 11:1-26 Catechesis on Luke 18:9-14	2 Corinthians 6:1-18
29 Thursday	1 Kings 11:42-12:19	2 Corinthians 7:1-16
30 Friday	1 Kings 12:20-13:5, 33-34 <i>Optional: 1 Ki 14:1-16:28</i>	2 Corinthians 8:1-24
31 Saturday	1 Kings 16:29-17:24	2 Corinthians 9:1-15 <i>Opt: 2 Co 10:1-13:13</i>
1 Sunday 10:15 AM	1 Kings 18:1-19 Trinity Eleven Gen 4:1-15, Eph 2:1-10, Luke 18:9-14	Ephesians 1:1-23

#54 Undisciplined Children Because of “Natural Love”

Dishonors 4th Commandment: 3. There is still another kind of dishonoring of parents, much more dangerous and subtle than this first, [a dishonoring] which decks itself out and lets itself be regarded as a true honoring of parents. That is **when a child has its own way and the parents allow it to do so out of natural love.** In this case they honor one another and love one another. On all sides it is a precious thing; the mother and father are pleased and the child is pleased.

This plague is so common that instances of the first kind of dishonoring are very rarely seen. This second kind of dishonoring arises from the fact that the parents have been blinded and neither know nor honor God in the sense of the first three commandments. For this reason they cannot see what the children lack, or how they ought to teach them and bring them up. It is only to please men and to get ahead that they train their children for worldly honors, pleasure, and possessions. The children like this, and, of course, they obey very gladly without any back talk. (Luther’s Works, v. 44 p.82-83).

Week leading to Third-Last Sunday: Nov. 4-10, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 31 (not in LW)

Hymn – TLH #448 “Brief Life Is Here Our Portion”

Daily Readings –

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

#69 The Greatest Asset of a City—Educated Citizens

It therefore behooves the council and the authorities to devote the greatest care and attention to the young. Since the property, honor, and life of the whole city have been committed to their faithful keeping, they would be remiss in their duty before God and man if they did not seek its welfare and improvement day and night with all the means at their command. Now the welfare of a city does not consist solely in accumulating vast treasures, building mighty walls and magnificent buildings, and producing a goodly supply of guns and armor. Indeed, where such things are plentiful, and reckless fools get control of them, it is so much the worse and the city suffers even greater loss. **A city’s best and greatest welfare, safety, and strength consist rather in its having many able, learned, wise, honorable, and well-educated citizens.** They can then readily gather, protect, and properly use treasure and all manner of property (Luther’s Works, v. 45 p. 355-356).

#70 The Liberal Arts Trained Schoolmaster: So it was done in ancient Rome. There boys were so taught that by the time they reached their fifteenth, eighteenth, or twentieth year **they were well versed in Latin, Greek, and all the liberal arts**¹⁵ (as they are called), and then immediately entered upon a political or military

We Can't Assume

“My point is that we can no longer assume the people we are talking to will understand Christian terminology, or why Christians believe the way they do. In fact, many just have little or no understanding of the true gospel and what constitutes a Christian way of thinking. We need to understand where they are coming from, why they believe what they do, and know how to converse with them so they don't get the idea we are trying to impose what we believe on them. Instead, we need to help them understand why they believe the way they do from their starting point, and then teach them what Christians believe and why. At the same time we will need to be answering questions they pose along the way as objections to why the Bible and the Christian message can be trusted” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.112).

children's children [Ps. 78:5–6]. This is also evident in God's fourth commandment, in which the injunction that children shall obey their parents is so stem that he would even have rebellious children sentenced to death [Deut. 21:18–21]. Indeed, for what purpose do we older folks exist, other than to care for, instruct, and bring up the young? It is utterly impossible for these foolish young people to instruct and protect themselves. This is why God has entrusted them to us who are older and know from experience what is best for them. And God will hold us strictly accountable for them. This is also why Moses commands in Deuteronomy 32[:7], “Ask your father and he will tell you; your elders, and they will show you.”

It is a sin and a shame that matters have come to such a pass that we have to urge and be urged to educate our children and young people and to seek their best interests, when nature itself should drive us to do this and even the heathen afford us abundant examples of it. There is not a dumb animal which fails to care for its young and teach them what they need to know; the only exception is the ostrich, of which God says in Job 31 [39:16, 14] that she deals cruelly with her young as if they were not hers, and leaves her eggs upon the ground. What would it profit us to possess and perform everything else and be like pure saints, if we meanwhile neglected our chief purpose in life, namely, the care of the young? I also think that in the sight of God none among the outward sins so heavily burdens the world and merits such severe punishment as this very sin which we commit against the children by not educating them (Luther's Works, v. 45 p. 353).

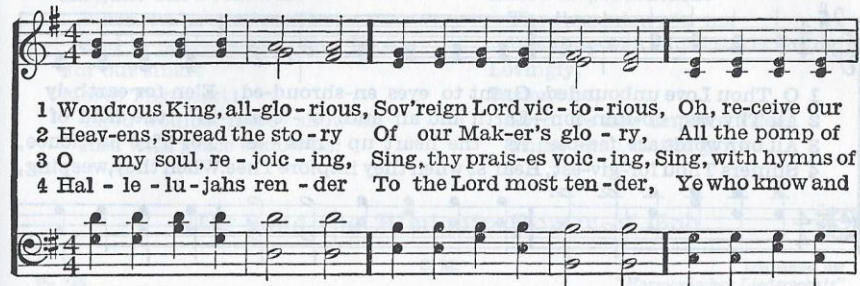
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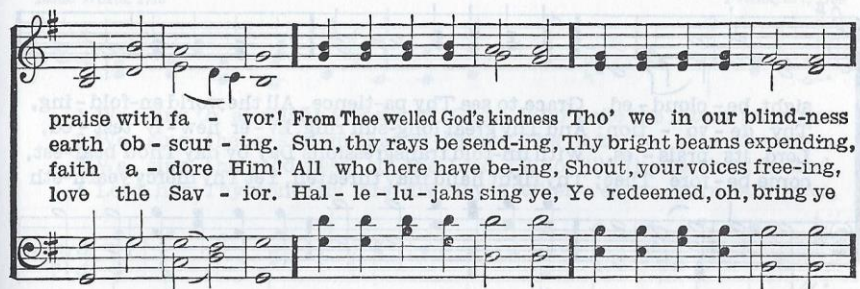
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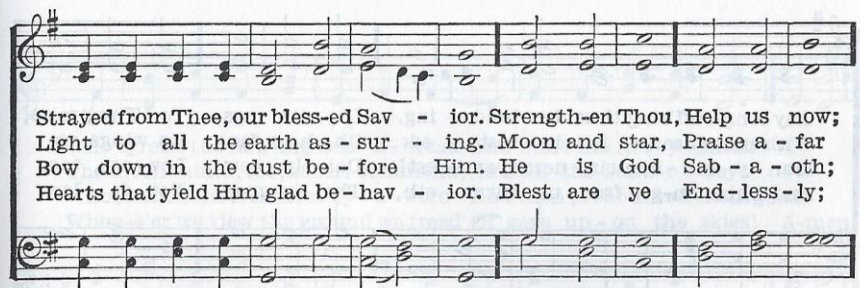
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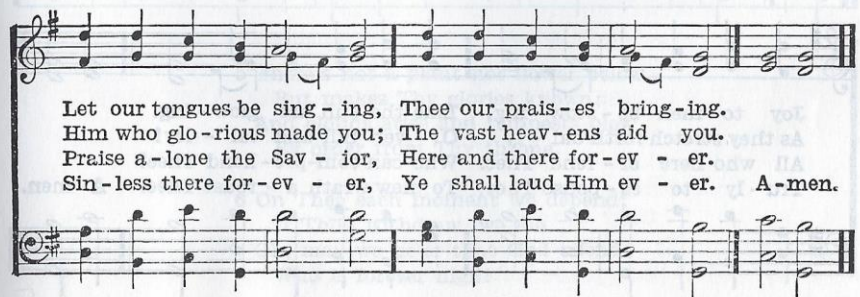
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2 Heav-ens, spread the sto-ry Of our Mak-er's glo-ry, All the pomp of
3 O my soul, re-joic-ing, Sing, thy prais-es voic-ing, Sing, with hymns of
4 Hal-le-lu-jahs ren-der To the Lord most ten-der, Yewho know and



praise with fa-vor! From Thee welled God's kindness Tho' we in our blind-ness
earth ob-scur-ing. Sun, thy rays be send-ing, Thy bright beams expending,
faith a-dore Him! All who here have be-ing, Shout, your voices free-ing,
love the Sav-ior. Hal-le-lu-jahs sing ye, Ye redeemed, oh, bring ye



Strayed from Thee, our bless-ed Sav-ior. Strength-en Thou, Help us now;
Light to all the earth as-sur-ing. Moon and star, Praise a-far
Bow down in the dust be-fore Him. He is God Sab-a-oth;
Hearts that yield Him glad be-hav-ior. Blest are ye End-less-ly;



Let our tongues be sing-ing, Thee our prais-es bring-ing.
Him who glo-rious made you; The vast heav-ens aid you.
Praise a-lone the Sav-ior, Here and there for-ev-er.
Sin-less there for-ev-er, Ye shall laud Him ev-er. A-men.

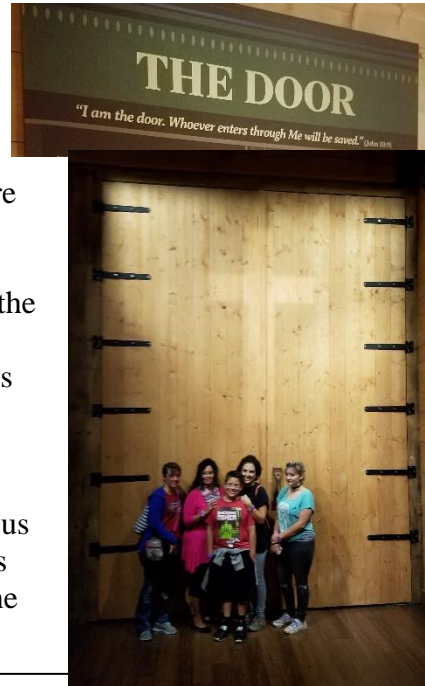
Catechism - The Ten Commandments: The Ninth Commandment

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 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**



A Growing Chasm

“Many of our Christian leaders, Sunday school teachers, and parents have got a foot on both side of the widening chasm—straddling between the ‘Greek’ side and the ‘Jewish’ side....

They are all really ‘Greek’ in their thinking about this topic. And I find the pastor is ‘Greek’ also because he went to a ‘Greek’ seminary.... Actually, the whole world is really ‘Greek’ to one degree or another. All of us, to some extent, have been influenced by this ‘Greek way of thinking.

If you want to deal with this growing chasm in the culture, then the only solution is the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. However, for this to effectively happen, the gospel must be presented in a way that those hearing the message will understand” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.88-91).

All Saints' Day

#67 The Pre-Reformation State of the Universities Was

UnChristian: It is perfectly true that if universities and monasteries were to continue as they have been in the past, and there were no other place available where youth could study and live, then I could wish that no boy would ever study at all, but just remain dumb. For it is my earnest purpose, prayer, and desire that these asses' stalls and devil's training centers should either sink into the abyss or be converted into Christian schools. Now that God has so richly blessed us, however, and provided us with so many men able to instruct and train our youth aright, it is surely imperative that we not throw his blessing to the winds and let him knock in vain. He is standing at the door; happy are we who open to him! He is calling us; blessed is he who answers him! If we turn a deaf ear and he should pass us by, who will bring him back again?

Let us remember our former misery, and the darkness in which we dwelt. Germany, I am sure, has never before heard so much of God's word as it is hearing today; certainly we read nothing of it in history. If we let it just slip by without thanks and honor, I fear we shall suffer a still more dreadful darkness and plague. O my beloved Germans, buy while the market is at your door; gather in the harvest while there is sunshine and fair weather; make use of God's grace and word while it is there! For you should know that God's word and grace is like a passing shower of rain which does not return where it has once been. It has been with the Jews, but when it's gone it's gone, and now they have nothing. Paul brought it to the Greeks; but again when it's gone it's gone, and now they have the Turk.¹² Rome and the Latins also had it; but when it's gone it's gone, and now they have the pope. And you Germans need not think that you will have it forever, for ingratitude and contempt will not make it stay. Therefore, seize it and hold it fast, whoever can; for lazy hands are bound to have a lean year (Luther's Works, v. 45 p. 352-353).

#68 The Command of God to Instruct Children

The third consideration is by far the most important of all, namely, **the command of God, who through Moses urges and enjoins parents so often to instruct their children** that Psalm 78 says: How earnestly he commanded our fathers to teach their children and to instruct their

Brief Life Is Here Our Portion

Heb. 13: 14

Hic breve vivitur

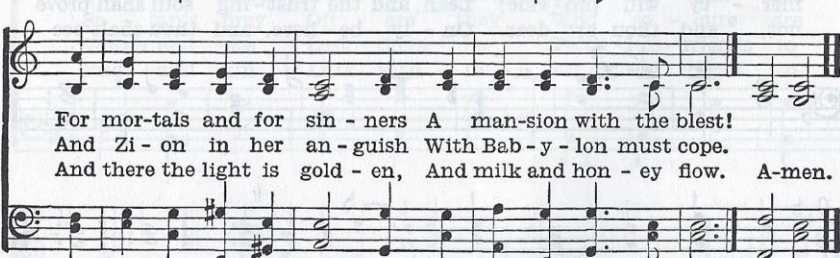
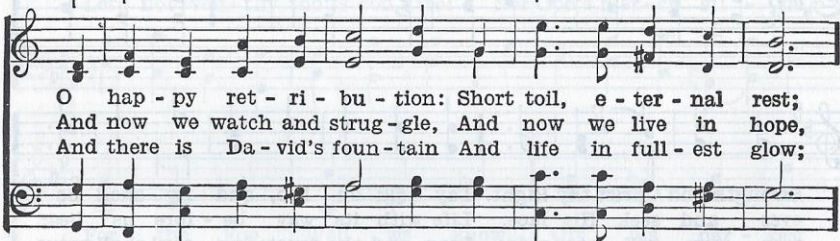
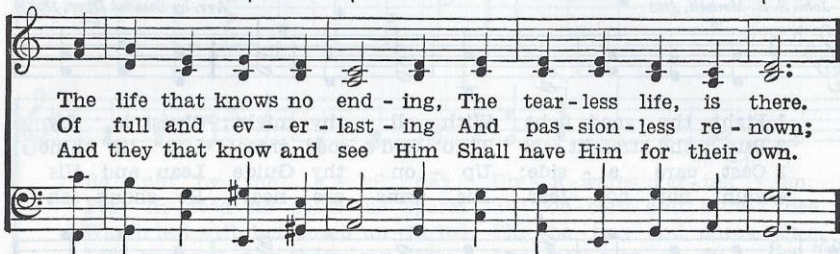
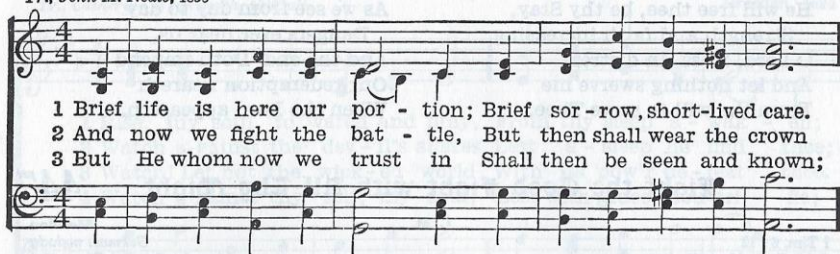
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4 The morning shall awaken,
 And shadows shall decay,
 And each true-hearted servant
 Shall shine as doth the day.
 There God, our King and Portion,
 In fulness of His grace
 Shall we behold forever
 And worship face to face.

5 O sweet and blessed country,
 The home of God's elect!
 O sweet and blessed country
 That eager hearts expect!
 Jesus, in mercy bring us
 To that dear land of rest,
 Who art, with God the Father
 And Spirit, ever blest.

Week leading to Trinity Twelve: September 2- 8, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 68 (Not in LW)

Hymn - TLH #41 "Wondrous King, All-Glorious"

Daily Readings -

2 Monday <i>Labor Day</i>	1 Kings 18:20-40	Ephesians 2:1-22
3 Tuesday	1 Kings 19:1-21 <i>Option: 1 Kings 20:1-22:53</i>	Ephesians 3:1-21
4 Wednesday 6:30 PM	2 Kings 2:1-18 Catechesis on Mark 7:31-37	Ephesians 4:1-24
5 Thursday	2 Kings 2:19-25, 4:1-7	Ephesians 4:25-5:14
6 Friday	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37	Ephesians 5:15-33
7 Saturday	2 Kings 4:38-5:8	Ephesians 6:1-24
8 Sunday 10:15 AM	2 Kings 5:9-27 Trinity Twelve Isa 29:18-24, 2 Cor. 3:4-11, Mark 7:31-37	Philippians 1:1-20

#55 Sacrificing Your Child By Letting Them Go Their Own Way

Thus God's commandment falls absolutely to the ground, unwittingly, and ostensibly for good reasons. Then is fulfilled that which is written in the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, that the children are destroyed by their own parents [Isa. 57:5; Jer. 7:31; 32:35]. They do what King Manasseh did. This king sacrificed his son to the idol Molech and burned him.⁴⁷ What else is it but to sacrifice one's own child to an idol and burn it **when parents train their children more in the love of the world than in the love of God, and let their children go their own way and get burned up in worldly pleasure, love, enjoyment, lust, goods, and honor, but let God's love and honor and the love of eternal blessings be extinguished in them?**

O how perilous it is to be a father or mother, where only flesh and blood are supreme! Indeed, it is because parents are commanded to teach their children that the knowledge and keeping of the first three and the last six commandments depend on this commandment. As Psalm 78[:5-6] says, **"How strictly has God commanded our fathers to make known his commandments to their children,** that the generation to come might know them and declare them to their children's children." This is also the reason God bids us honor our parents, that is, to love them with fear; for that other love is without fear, therefore, it is more dishonor than honor.

Now see whether everyone does not have enough good works to do, whether he be father or child. But we, blind men that we are, neglect such works as these and seek elsewhere all sorts of other works which are not commanded. (Luther's Works, v. 44 p.83).

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.

ABCs

"Paul began with the "ABC's" (Always **B**een a **C**reator). He explained that the one true God made the world and everything in it. He's the Lord of heaven, and He doesn't dwell in temples made with hands. He doesn't need things, but rather he provides all things.... We do this so people can understand we're all descendants of Adam, thus all sinners, and all in need of a Savior" (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.96).

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.**



neglected youth—at least enough to engage one or two competent men to teach school?

Moreover, every citizen should be influenced by the following consideration. Formerly he was obliged to waste a great deal of money and property on indulgences, masses, vigils, endowments, bequests, anniversaries, mendicant friars, brotherhoods, pilgrimages, and similar nonsense. Now that he is, by the grace of God, rid of such pillage and compulsory giving, he ought henceforth, **out of gratitude to God and for his glory, to contribute a part of that amount toward schools for the training of the poor children.** That would be an excellent investment. If the light of the gospel had not dawned and set him free, he would have had to continue indefinitely giving up to the above-mentioned robbers ten times that sum and more, without hope of return. Know also that where there arise hindrances, objections, impediments, and opposition to this proposal, there the devil is surely at work, the devil who voiced no such objection when men gave their money for monasteries and masses, pouring it out in a veritable stream; for he senses that this kind of giving is not to his advantage. Let this, then, my dear sirs and friends, be the first consideration to influence you, namely, that herein we are fighting against the devil as the most dangerous and subtle enemy of all (Luther's Works, v. 45 p. 350-351).

#66 We have the Gifts to Educate Our Children: A second consideration is, as St. Paul says in II Corinthians 6[:1–2], **that we should not accept the grace of God in vain and neglect the time of salvation.** Almighty God has indeed graciously visited us Germans and proclaimed a true year of jubilee. We have today **the finest and most learned group of men, adorned with languages and all the arts, who could also render real service if only we would make use of them as instructors of the young people.** Is it not evident that we are now able to prepare a boy in three years, so that at the age of fifteen or eighteen he will know more than all the universities and monasteries have known before? Indeed, what have men been learning till now in the universities and monasteries except to become asses, blockheads, and numbskulls? For twenty, even forty, years they pored over their books, and still failed to master either Latin or German, to say nothing of the scandalous and immoral life there in which many a fine young fellow was shamefully corrupted (Luther's Works, v. 45 p. 351-352).

but just goes quietly along. **Even though only a single boy could thereby be trained to become a real Christian, we ought properly to give a hundred gulden to this cause** for every gulden we would give to fight the Turk, even if he were breathing down our necks. **For one real Christian is better and can do more good than all the men on earth** (Luther's Works, v. 45 p. 349-350).

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

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.**

Reformation Day

#65 Out of Gratitude, Educate Your Children: Therefore, I beg all of you, my dear sirs and friends, for the sake of God and our poor young people, **not to treat this matter as lightly as many do**, who fail to realize what the ruler of this world [John 14:30] is up to. For it is a grave and important matter, and one which is of vital concern both to Christ and the world at large, that we take steps to help the youth. By so doing we will be taking steps to help also ourselves and everybody else. Bear in mind that such insidious, subtle, and crafty attacks of the devil must be met with great Christian determination. My dear sirs, if we have to spend such large sums every year on guns, roads, bridges, dams, and countless similar items to insure the temporal peace and prosperity of a city, why should not much more be devoted to the poor

Week leading to Trinity Thirteen: September 9-15, 2019

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

Hymn – TLH #41 “Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

Daily Readings –

9 Monday	2 Kings 6:1-23 <i>Optional: 2 Kings 6:24-8:29</i>	Philippians 1:21-2:11
10 Tuesday	2 Kings 9:1-12; 10:18-29 <i>Optional: 2 Kings 13:1-18:8</i>	Philippians 2:12-30
11 Wednesday 6:30 PM	2 Chronicles 29:1-24 Catechesis on Luke 10:23-37	Philippians 3:1-21
12 Thursday	2 Chronicles 31:1-21 <i>Optional: Hosea 1:1-14:9</i>	Philippians 4:1-23
13 Friday	2 Chronicles 32:1-22 <i>Optional: Jonah 1:1-4:1</i>	Colossians 1:1-23
14 Saturday 7:00 PM	2 Chronicles 33:1-25 Vespers on Holy Cross Day Isaiah 45:21-25, 1 Cor 1:18-24, John 12:20-33	Colossians 1:24-2:7
15 Sunday 10:15 AM	2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 <i>Optional: Nahum 1:1-3:19</i> Trinity Thirteen Hosea 6:1-6, Gal 3:15-22, Lk 10:23-37	Colossians 2:8-23

#56 Brought Up After the Fashion of the World

4. Now children are not to obey parents who are so foolish that they bring up their children after the fashion of this world. God is to be more highly regarded than parents according to the first three commandments. **I call it being brought up after the fashion of the world when parents teach their children to seek nothing but the pleasure, honor, possessions, or power of this world.**

To wear decent clothes and seek an honest living is a necessity, not a sin. Yet in his heart a child must be reconciled to the fact that it is an awful pity that this miserable earthly life cannot well be lived, or even begun, without the striving after more adornment and more possessions than are necessary to protect the body against cold and for nourishment. Thus the child must be taught to do against its own will what the world wants. The child must put up with fools and with that kind of evil for the sake of something better and to avoid something worse. Queen Esther wore her royal crown, but yet she said to God, “Thou knowest that the sign of my high estate which is upon my head has never at all delighted me, and that I abhor it as a filthy, menstruous

rag. I never wear it when I am alone, but only when I have to and when I face the people.” The heart that is so minded wears adornment without peril, for it wears and yet does not wear, it dances yet does not dance, it lives well yet does not live well. And souls such as this are the secret hidden brides of Christ. But such souls are rare, for it is hard not to take delight in great adornment and display. Thus St. Cecilia wore golden clothes at the command of her parents, but underneath she wore a hair shirt next to her skin. (Luther’s Works, v. 44 p.83-84).

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 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.**

Compare Cultures

“Now, when you compare the creation-based culture (like the Jews) with an evolution-based culture (like the Greeks), you’re essentially comparing America of yesteryear to the America of today. And this is what is happening throughout Western culture. This is the divide we are experiencing. And that divide is widening quickly” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.98-99).

Week leading to Trinity Twenty: October 28-November 3, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 125 (not in LW)

Hymn – TLH #448 “Brief Life Is Here Our Portion”

Daily Readings –

28 Monday 10:30 AM	Deuteronomy 30:1-20 Sts. Simon & Jude Dt 32:1-4, 1Pt 1:3-9, Jn 15:17-21	Matthew 19:1-15
29 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 31:1-29	Matthew 19:16-30
30 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27 Catechesis on Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 20:1-16
31 Thursday 10:30 AM	Deuteronomy 32:28-52 <i>Optional: Deut 33:1-29</i> Reformation Day Is 55:1-11, Rev 14:6-7, Mt 11:12-15	Matthew 20:17-34
1 Friday 7:00 PM	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 All Saints Day Deuteronomy 33:1-3, Rev 7:2-17, Mt 5:1-12	Matthew 21:1-22
2 Saturday	Jeremiah 1:1-19	Matthew 21:23-46
3 Sunday 10:15 AM	Jeremiah 3:6-4:2 Trinity Twenty Isaiah 55:1-9, Ephesians 5:15-21, Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:1-22

#64 The Devil Keep Them Unlearned

But now that he{the Devil} sees his snares exposed through the word of God, he goes to the other extreme and will permit no learning at all. Again he does the right and smart thing to preserve his kingdom and by all means retain his hold on the young crowd. If he can hold them, and they grow up under him and remain his, who can take anything from him? He then maintains undisputed possession of the world. **For if he is to be dealt a blow that really hurts, it must be done through young people who have come to maturity in the knowledge of God, and who spread His word and teach it to others.**

No one, positively no one, realizes that this is a despicable trick of the devil. It proceeds so unobtrusively that no one notices it, and the damage is done before one can take steps to prevent and remedy it. We are on the alert against Turks, wars, and floods, because in such matters we can see what is harmful and what is beneficial. But no one is aware of the devil’s wily purpose. No one is on the alert,

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 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.**



Inoculated against the Bible

“We are not in an age where generations have been heavily inoculated against the Bible.... But because of compromise and lack of teaching of apologetics, much of the Church has allowed the once Acts 2 (plowed) ground to become Acts 17 ground that is covered in rocks, trees, and weeds (representing evolution, millions of years, etc.). Some refer to this as a ‘post-Christian culture.’ And in some ways, we are becoming even ‘pre-Christian.’ Before the seed can be planted, we need to clear the ground and plow it, so the seed (the gospel) can take root to enable a harvest (of souls)”
(*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.108).

Week leading to Trinity Fourteen: September 16-22, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 65 (LW, p.331)

Hymn – TLH #41 “Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

Daily Readings –

16 Monday	2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25 <i>Optional: Zephaniah 1:1-3:20</i>	Colossians 3:1-25
17 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 36:1-23	Colossians 4:1-18 <i>Opt: Philemon 1-25</i>
18 Wednesday	Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 <i>Optional: Haggai 1:1-2:23</i>	1 Timothy 1:1-20
7:00 AM	Matins on Ember Wednesday after Holy Cross Amos 9:13-15, Nehemiah 8:1-10, Mark 9:16-28	
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Luke 17:11-19	
19 Thursday	Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6	1 Timothy 2:1-15
20 Friday	Nehemiah 4:7-23	1 Timothy 3:1-16
7:00 AM	Matins on Ember Friday after Holy Cross Hosea 14:2-10, Luke 7:36-50	
21 Saturday	Nehemiah 5:1-16, 6:1-9, 15-16	1 Timothy 4:1-16
7:00 PM	Ember Saturday after Holy Cross Hebrews 9:2-12, Luke 13:6-17	
	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Proverbs 3:1-6, Ephesians 4:7-16, Matthew 9:9-13	
22 Sunday	Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18 <i>Optional: Ezra 1:1-10:19</i>	1 Timothy 5:1-16
10:15 AM	Trinity Fourteen Proverbs 4:10-23, Galatians 5:16-24, Luke 17:1-19	

#57 Not Trusting God With Our Children: Here some men say, “How then could I bring my children into society and make proper marriage settlements? I must make some show.” **Tell me, are not these the words of a heart which doubts God and trusts more in its own providing than in God’s care?** Yet St. Peter teaches and says, “Cast all your care on him and be certain he cares for you” [1 Pet. 5:7]. It is a sign that they have never yet thanked God for their children, have never yet rightly prayed for them, have never yet commended them to him. Had they done so, they would have known from their own experience that they should also ask God to settle the marriage of their children and wait upon his guidance. Because they do not do this, he just lets them go their own way, bringing cares and worries on

themselves; and even then they do not order their lives well.
(Luther's Works, v. 44 p.84-85).

Catechism - The Apostles' Creed, First Article & Meaning

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

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 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 Greek Road

“The ‘Greek Road’ does not lead up to the message of the Cross, so how would you get the ‘Greek’ to understand the message of the Cross? You would have to take them off the wrong road, give them the right starting point, and put them on the right road, with the right beginning, that leads to the message of the Cross” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.99).

Week leading to Trinity Nineteen: Oct. 21-27, 2019

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

Hymn – TLH #524 “In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust”

Daily Readings –

21 Monday	Deuteronomy 20:1-20	Matthew 15:21-39
22 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 21:1-23 <i>Optional: Dt 22:1-24:9</i>	Matthew 16:1-12
23 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10 Catechesis on Matthew 9:1-8	Matthew 16:13-28
24 Thursday	Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19	Matthew 17:1-13
25 Friday	Deuteronomy 27:1-26	Matthew 17:14-27
26 Saturday	Deuteronomy 28:1-22	Matthew 18:1-20
27 Sunday 10:15 AM	Deuteronomy 29:1-29 Trinity Nineteen Genesis 28:10-17, Ephesians 4:22-28, Matthew 9:1-8	Matthew 18:21-35

#63 The Devil Set Up Monasteries To Thwart Real Education

It is not surprising that **the wicked devil** takes a position in this matter and induces carnal and worldly hearts thus to neglect the children and young people. Who can blame him for it? He is the ruler and god of this world [John 14:30]; how can he possibly be pleased to see the gospel destroy his nests, the monasteries and the clerical gangs, in which he corrupts above all the young folks who mean so much, in fact everything, to him? **How can we expect him to permit or promote the proper training of the young?** He would indeed be a fool to allow and promote the establishment in his kingdom of the very thing by which that kingdom must be most speedily overthrown, which would happen if he were to lose that choice morsel—our dear young people—and have to suffer them to be supported at his own expense and by means of his own resources for the service of God.

Therefore, he acted most adroitly at the time **when Christians were having their children trained and taught in a Christian manner.** The young crowd bade fair to escape him entirely and to establish within his kingdom something that was quite intolerable. **So he went to work, spread his nets, and set up such monasteries, schools, and estates that it was impossible for any lad to escape him, apart from a special miracle of God** (Luther's Works, v. 45 p. 349).

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.

#62- God's Word Exposed the formerly UnChristian Monastic

Schools: First of all, we are today experiencing in all the German lands **how schools are everywhere being left to go to wrack and ruin.** The universities are growing weak, and monasteries are declining. The grass withers and the flower fades, as Isaiah [40:7–8] says, because the breath of the Lord blows upon it through his word and shines upon it so hot through the gospel. For now it is becoming known through God's word how **un-Christian these institutions** are, and **how they are devoted only to men's bellies.** The carnal-minded masses are beginning to realize that they no longer have either the obligation or the opportunity to thrust their sons, daughters, and relatives into cloisters and foundations, and to turn them out of their own homes and property and establish them in others' property. **For this reason no one is any longer willing to have his children get an education.** "Why," they say, "should we bother to have them go to school if they are not to become priests, monks, or nuns? 'Twere better they should learn a livelihood to earn."

The thoughts and purposes of such people are plainly evident from this confession of theirs. If in the cloisters and foundations, or the spiritual estate, they had been seeking not only the belly and the temporal welfare of their children but were earnestly concerned for their children's salvation and eternal bliss, they would not thus fold their hands and relapse into indifference, saying, **"If the spiritual estate is no longer to be of any account, we can just as well let education go and not bother our heads about it."** Instead, they would say, "If it be true, as the gospel teaches, that this {*monastic*} estate is a perilous one for our children, then, dear sirs, show us some other way which will be pleasing to God and of benefit to them. **For we certainly want to provide not only for our children's bellies, but for their souls as well.**" At least that is what truly Christian parents would say about it (Luther's Works, v. 45 p. 348-349).

Week leading to Trinity Fifteen: September 23-29, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 86 (not in LW)

Hymn – TLH #267 "If God Had Not Been on Our Side"

Daily Readings –

23 Monday	Nehemiah 9:1-21	1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
24 Tuesday	Nehemiah 9:22-38 <i>Opt: Nehemiah 10:1-13:31</i>	1 Timothy 6:3-21
25 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Malachi 1:1-14 Catechesis on Matthew 6:24-34	Matthew 3:1-17
26 Thursday	Malachi 2:1-3:5	Matthew 4:1-11
27 Friday	Malachi 3:6-4:6	Matthew 4:12-25
28 Saturday	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Matthew 5:1-20
29 Sunday 10:15 AM	Deuteronomy 1:19-36 St. Michael and All Angels Daniel 12:1-3, Revelation 12:7-12, Matthew 18:1-10 Trinity Fifteen 1 Kings 17:8-16, Galatians 5:25-6:10, Matthew 6:24-34	Matthew 5:21-48

#58 All The Good Works You Need To Do Waiting At Home

5. Thus it is true, as men say, that parents could attain salvation by training their own children, even if they were to do nothing else. **If parents do this by rightly training them to God's service, they will indeed have their hands full of good works.** For what are the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the alien if not the souls of your own children? With these God makes a hospital of your own house. He sets you over them as the hospital superintendent, to wait on them, to give them the food and drink of good words and works. [He sets you over them] that they may learn to trust God, to believe in him, to fear him, and to set their whole hope upon him; to honor his name and never curse or swear; to mortify themselves by praying, fasting, watching, working; to go to church, wait on the word of God, and observe the sabbath. [He sets you over them] that they may learn to despise temporal things, to bear misfortune without complaint, and neither fear death nor love this life.

... It has been said in reference to the other commandments that **they are to be fulfilled in relation to faith, the chief work.** It is the same in this instance. **Nobody must think that the training and teaching of his children is sufficient in itself. It must be done in confidence of God's favor.** A man must have no doubt that he is well

pleasing to God in what he is doing, and he should let work of this kind be nothing else but an expression and exercise of his faith. He should trust in God and look to him for blessings and a gracious will. Without faith of this kind no work is a genuine living work: it is neither good nor acceptable. Many heathen have brought their children up charmingly, but all that is lost because of their unbelief. (Luther's Works, v. 44 p.85, 86-87).

Catechism - The Apostles' Creed, Second Article & Meaning
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. (*Second Article Meaning listed under Trinity Sixteen*)

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.**

Turning Greeks into Jews

“Once he (Paul) pointed then to the right starting point and the right road, then he went back to preaching the message he began with—the message of the Resurrection. When he did this initially, they didn't understand, and his message was foolishness to them. But after explaining the true God from the right starting point, we see three different responses: (1) Some mocked, just like last time, but (2) others started to listen, and (3) a few believed.... I suggest that Paul was extremely successful and that we should follow his example” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.102-103).

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.

It's as if the devil has said,

“You Christians can go on teaching kids about the miracles Jesus did in the New Testament. You can teach them about the babe in a manger, and the Resurrection. You can teach them about Jesus healing blind people and raising dead. Teach them about the feeding of the 5,000, about the Israelites crossing the Red Sea, about Jonah being in the great fish for three days. Go ahead. Teach them these stories. And while you are doing that, I'm going to be indoctrinating those same kids not to believe the Book. I'm going to use the fake news of evolution and millions of years to brainwash them into believing science has effectively disproved the Bible, making it nothing more than an outdate obsolete book of 'stories.' And sine you won't be teaching apologetics, I will teach my own apologetics through the education systems, media and the Internet to make sure they doubt God's Word. The more this happens, most won't even listen to your message of the Gospel” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.107).

In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust

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Ps. 31: 1-5

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In dich hab' ich gehoffet, Herr

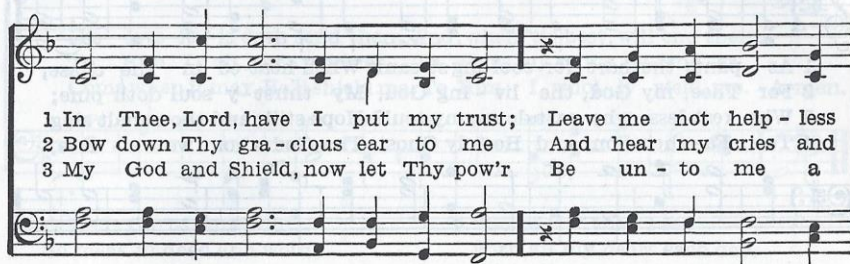
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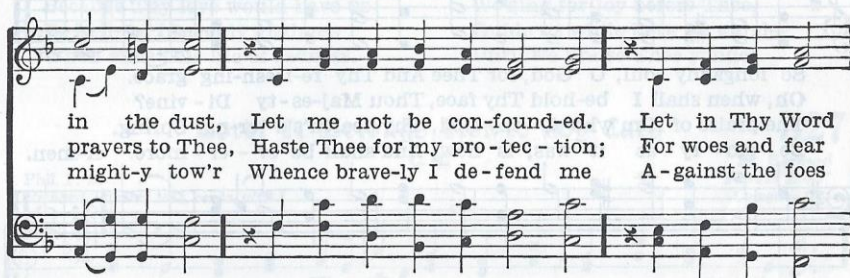
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"Himmlische Harfen"

Augsburg, 1531



1 In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust; Leave me not help-less
2 Bow down Thy gra-cious ear to me And hear my cries and
3 My God and Shield, now let Thy pow'r Be un-to me a



in the dust, Let me not be con-found-ed. Let in Thy Word
prayers to Thee, Haste Thee for my pro-tec-tion; For woes and fear
might-y tow'r Whence brave-ly I de-fend me A-against the foes



My faith, O Lord, Be al-ways firm-ly ground-ed.
Sur-round me here. Help me in mine af-flic-tion.
That round me close. O Lord, as-sis-tance lend me. A-men.

4 Thou art my Strength, my Shield, my Rock,
My Fortressthat withstandeach shock,
My Help, my Life, my Treasure.
Whate'er the rod, Thou art my God;
Naught can resist Thy pleasure.

5 The world for me has falsely set
Full many a secret snare and net
To tempt me and to harm me.
Lord, make them fail, Do Thou pre-
vail,
Let their disguise not charm me.

6 With Thee, Lord, have I cast my lot;
O faithful God, forsake me not,
To Thee my soul commending.
Lord, be my Stay, Lead Thou the
way
Now and when life is ending.

7 All honor, praise, and majesty
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace We'll run our
race
Till we depart victorious.

If God Had Not Been on Our Side

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Ps. 124

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Wär' Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeit

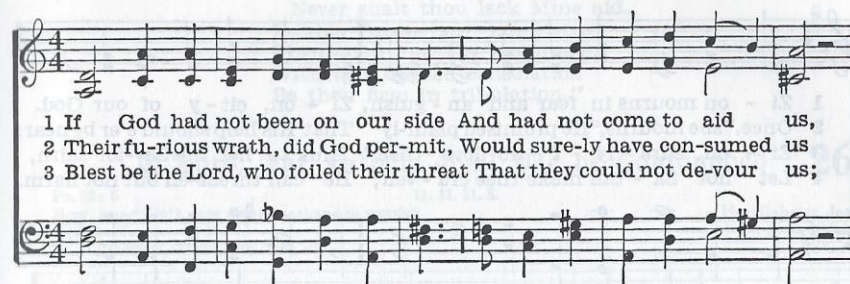
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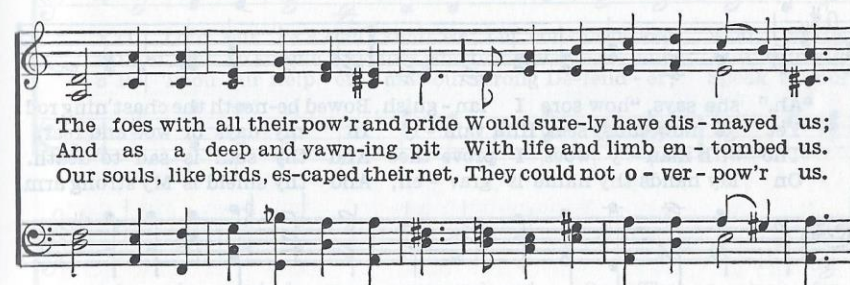
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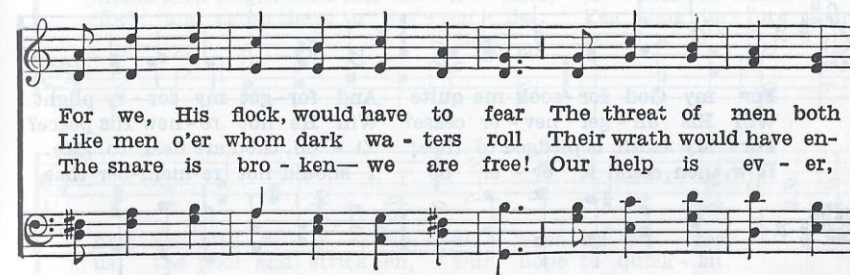
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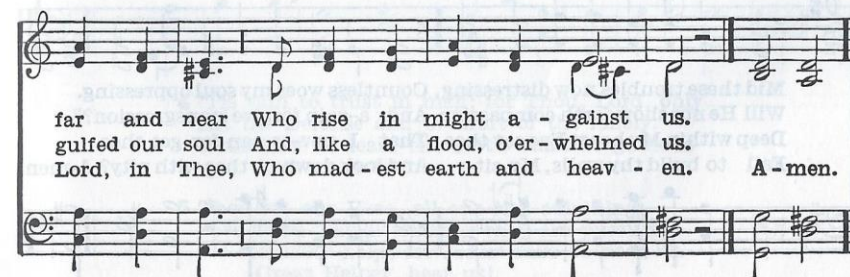
1 If God had not been on our side And had not come to aid us,
2 Their fu-rious wrath, did God per-mit, Would sure-ly have con-sumed us
3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could not de-vour us;



The foes with all their pow'r and pride Would sure-ly have dis-mayed us;
And as a deep and yawn-ing pit With life and limb en-tombed us.
Our souls, like birds, es-caped their net, They could not o-ver-pow'r us.



For we, His flock, would have to fear The threat of men both
Like men o'er whom dark wa-ters roll Their wrath would have en-
The snare is bro-ken—we are free! Our help is ev-er,



far and near Who rise in might a-against us.
gulfed our soul And, like a flood, o'er-whelmed us.
Lord, in Thee, Who mad-est earth and heav-en. A-men.



It is a War

“It is a war, but a spiritual one that has been raging for 6,000 years. Sadly, there is a rapidly increasing number of soldiers in the army of the ‘Greeks’ and depleting numbers in the army of the ‘Jews.’

Many of those in America in the older generations who are still like the ‘Jews’ are not necessarily Christians, though many were brought up in the Church, and many still do attend church. They don’t really understand what is happening, even though they have a Christianized worldview. However, they do perceive a massive change in our culture, and many are perplexed and even horrified by it” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.105-106).

Week leading to Trinity Eighteen: October 14-20, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 96 (LW, p.338)

Hymn – TLH #524 “In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust”

(LW 406 does not have stanzas 3 & 6)

Daily Readings –

14 Monday <i>Columbus Day</i>	Deuteronomy 12:13-32	Matthew 12:38-50
15 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 13:1-18	Matthew 13:1-23
16 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23, 28-29; 15:1-15	Matthew 13:24-43
17 Thursday	Catechesis on Matthew 22:34-46	
18 Friday 10:30 AM	Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22	Matthew 13:44-58
19 Saturday	Deuteronomy 17:1-20	Matthew 14:1-21
20 Sunday 10:15 AM	St. Luke, Evangelist Isaiah 35:5-8, 2 Tim 4:5-15, Lk 10:1-9	
	Deuteronomy 18:1-22	Matthew 14:22-36
	Deuteronomy 19:1-20	Matthew 15:1-20
	Trinity Eighteen Deut 10:12-21, 1 Cor 1:1-9, Matthew 22:34-46	

#61- Children Know Why Parents Discipline: Love

This is the measure and goal of all punishments and vexations, **just as parents chastise their children** in order that they may be corrected and return to the way, not because parents plan to destroy or disinherit them; for this would be alien to the love put into their hearts by God. And in Eph. 6:4 and Col. 3:21 Paul is careful to warn them not to provoke their children to wrath, lest they become discouraged. **The chastisement should be of such a kind that love and filial confidence toward parents and teachers remain** and that children understand that they are not suffering correction for their destruction, but rather that they may continue to do their duty and show their father no cause to disinherit them because of their wickedness. It is usual for this to happen to those who cannot be corrected by words or blows and later incur punishment at the hands of a judge or executioner because of thefts, robberies, or other outrages after they have thrown off paternal authority. (Luther’s Works, v. 7 p.254).

He should trust in God and look to him for blessings and a gracious will. Without faith of this kind no work is a genuine living work: it is neither good nor acceptable. Many heathen have brought their children up charmingly, but all that is lost because of their unbelief. (Luther's Works, v. 44 p.86-87).

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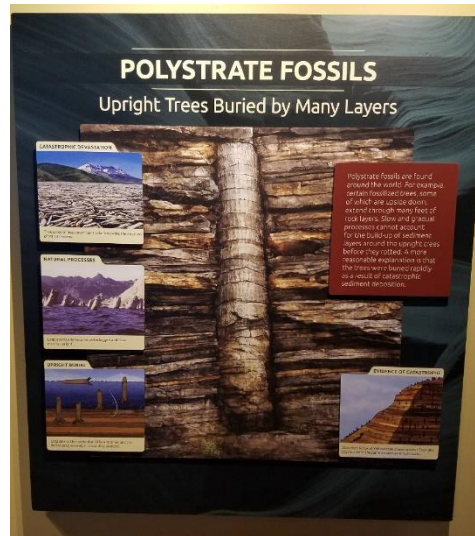
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In this Christian Church. He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

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 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 Sixteen: September 30-Oct. 6, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 102 (not in LW)

Hymn – TLH #267 “If God Had Not Been on Our Side”

Daily Readings –

30 Monday	Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15	Matthew 6:1-15
1 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 2:16-37	Matthew 6:16-34
2 Wednesday	Deuteronomy 3:1-29	Matthew 7:1-12
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Luke 7:11-17	
3 Thursday	Deuteronomy 4:1-20	Matthew 7:13-29
4 Friday	Deuteronomy 4:21-40	Matthew 8:1-17
5 Saturday	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Matthew 8:18-34
6 Sunday	Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9	Matthew 9:1-17
10:15 AM	Trinity Sixteen 1 Kings 17:17-24, Ephesians 3:13-21, Luke 7:11-17	

#59 What A Blessed Marriage and Home: Just think what a great lesson this is! How many good works you have at hand in your own home with your own child who needs all such things as these like a hungry, thirsty, naked, poor, imprisoned, sick soul! **O what a blessed marriage and home that would be with such parents!** That home would indeed be a true church, a chosen cloister, yes, a paradise! It was of such places that the psalmist sang in Psalm 128[:1–4], “Blessed are they that fear God and walk in his commandments. You shall eat of the labor of your hands. On this account shall you be happy and all will go well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in your house, and your children like the young shoots of laden olive trees around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears God.” Where are such parents? Where are those who inquire after good works such as these? Nobody comes forward. Why? Because God has commanded these works! The flesh and the devil pull you away from these works. There is no pomp or show about them; therefore, we assume they are worth nothing. Husbands run to St. James, wives make vows to Our Lady. No one vows to train and teach himself and his child to honor God properly. Those whom God has commanded a man to keep in body and soul he leaves behind, and wants to serve God in some place or another, something that was never commanded. No bishop forbids and no preacher rebukes such a perverse practice. In fact, in the interests of their own covetousness the clergy endorse such practices. Every day they think up more and more pilgrimages, canonizations of

saints, and indulgence fairs. May God have mercy on such blindness! (Luther's Works, v. 44 p.85-86).

Catechism - The Apostles' Creed, Second Article & Meaning
(*Second Article listed under Trinity Fifteen*)

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 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.**

False Information

“Not only do we need to start our message at the beginning in Genesis, but we need to deal with the false information that generations have been taught that makes so many doubt and disbelieve the Bible. We have to be equipped with answers and be ready to give a defense of the faith against the onslaught of evolutionary teaching that has permeated people's thinking around the world” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.106-107).

Week leading to Trinity Seventeen: October 7-13, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 33 (not in LW)

Hymn – TLH #267 “If God Had Not Been on Our Side”

Daily Readings –

7 Monday	Deuteronomy 6:10-25	Matthew 9:18-38
8 Tuesday	Deuteronomy 7:1-19	Matthew 10:1-23
9 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Deuteronomy 8:1-20	Matthew 10:24-42
	Catechesis on Luke 14:1-11	
10 Thursday	Deuteronomy 9:1-22	Matthew 11:1-19
11 Friday	Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22	Matthew 11:20-30
12 Saturday	Deuteronomy 11:1-25	Matthew 12:1-21
13 Sunday 10:15 AM	Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12	Matthew 12:22-37
	Trinity Seventeen Proverbs 25:6-14, Ephesians 4:1-6, Luke 14:1-11	

#60 The Entrusted Children: 6. On the other hand, parents cannot earn hell more easily than by neglecting their own children in their own home and by not teaching them the things spoken of above. What use is it if they fast themselves to death, pray, go on pilgrimages, and do all manner of good works? **After all, God will not ask them about these in the hours of death and on the day of judgment, but will require of them the children he entrusted to their care.** This is shown by the word of Christ in Luke 23[:28–29], “You daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me but for yourselves and your children. The days will come when they will say, ‘Blessed are the wombs that never bore, and the breasts which never gave suck!’ ” Why should they lament in this way if it does not mean that all their condemnation will come from their own children? If they had not had children, perhaps they might have been saved. **These words certainly ought to open the eyes of parents and make them think about the souls of their children** so that the poor children would not be deceived by the parents' human love and made to believe they had rightly honored their parents because they had not shown anger toward them or had been obedient to them in everyday affairs. This serves only to strengthen the children's self-will, although the commandment puts the parents in the place of honor so that the children's self-will is broken and they are made humble and meek.

It has been said in reference to the other commandments that they are to be fulfilled in relation to faith, the chief work. It is the same in this instance. Nobody must think that the training and teaching of his children is sufficient in itself. It must be done in confidence of God's favor. A man must have no doubt that he is well pleasing to God in what he is doing, and he should let work of this kind be nothing else but an expression and exercise of his faith.