

#72 Christ Admonishes to Adhere to These Doctrines and Not Listen to the Contrary

When these doctrines are properly lodged within the heart, they will, first of all, induce people to glory in the goodness and grace of God, to love Him with all their heart, and also to live to the honor of this merciful God. They will begin, in true earnest to do all that they know to be pleasing to God; and to avoid all that they know to have been forbidden by Him. They are then pious and holy Christians, because they enjoy forgiveness of sins by faith and live in the fear of God and in obedience to Him. Therefore Christ so earnestly admonishes us to adhere to these doctrines and not listen to any thing contrary. He promises too, on His part, that He will not suffer Himself to be confined to any other place, but that He will be with us in His Word and grace, always and everywhere. And though it sounds terrible, that great heresy, darkness and seduction shall come upon the world, yet we are comforted when He says: "Wherever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together;" that is, my Christian Church shall remain with me. And though the devil, the Turk, and the pope, be ever so powerful, they shall not harm my Christians who adhere to my Word. May our merciful God in heaven, through the Holy Ghost, for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ, our dear Lord, grant this to all of us. Amen (Luther's House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 901)

Catechism - The Lord's Prayer, The Sixth Petition

Collect for Beginning of the Church Year

Almighty Lord God, Who by Thy grace hast this day permitted us to enter into a new Church Year, we beseech Thee to pour upon Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee and in the confession of Thy Name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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Our Family Daily Prayers – 2023

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Week of Trinity Ten: August 4-10, 2024

Psalm 119, 10th part (' Yodh v.73-80) / 143

Hymn– “My Jesus, As Thou Wilt” (ASBH #48)

Daily Readings –

4 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Ten Jeremiah 7:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Luke 19:41-48	
5 Monday	Galatians 2:1-21	1 Kings 9:1-28
6 Tuesday	Galatians 3:1-14	1 Kings 10:1-29
7 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Galatians 4:8-20	1 Kings 11:1-43
8 Thursday	Catechesis on St. Luke 18:9-14	
	Galatians 5:1-15	1 Kings 12:1-33
9 Friday	Galatians 6:11-18	1 Kings 13:1-34
10 Saturday 7:00 PM	Ephesians 6:1-9	1 Kings 14:1-31
	St. Laurence, Deacon & Martyr 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, St. John 12:24-26	

#52 Do Not Say, “Oh, God Will Not Be So Angry”

In our Gospel lesson a special example of God’s dreadful judgment is given on His beloved and most holy city of Jerusalem and His own peculiar people, which city was His own house and home and which people were members of His own family. Jerusalem was like a second heaven, in which God dwelt with His holy angels, the true worship was instituted, almost every prophet lived and found His grace, and finally Christ the Son of God Himself lived, died, was buried, arose again from the dead and poured out His Holy Spirit. This city was indeed overwhelmed, as it were, with holiness, so that the like has not been in the whole world nor will be to the end of time. All this, however, could not save the city, because the inhabitants thereof did not accept nor follow the Word of God, who so strictly adhered to His Word that His beloved city had to be made desolate. How much less will He spare other cities which are nothing compared to Jerusalem, and other nations which are not as near unto Him as the Jews, who are His blood relations.

Therefore we should pay attention to this example of the wrath of God, and guard against despising His Word, so that we may not say, as we are apt to do: **Oh, God will not be so angry, nor will He punish so severely.** If He destroyed His holy city of Jerusalem, which was His most precious jewel upon earth, leaving no stone upon another, because the people who

Week of Advent One: December 1-7, 2024

Psalm 1 / 143

Hymn – “Savior of the Heathen, Come” (ASBH #1)

Daily Readings –

1 Sunday 10:15 AM	Advent One Jeremiah 33:14-18, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 21:1-9	
2 Monday	Matt. 11:25-30	Genesis 3:1-24
3 Tuesday	Acts 3:22-26	Genesis 9:1-19
4 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Col. 1:15-29	Genesis 22:1-19
5 Thursday	Catechesis on St. Luke 21:25-36	
	Heb. 1:1-4	Genesis 49:1-28
6 Friday	Nicolaus Selnecker, Confessor	
	Heb. 2:1-4	Num. 24:14-25
7 Saturday	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor Hebrews 7:23-27, Matthew 25:14-23	
	Eph 3:1-12	Deut. 18:15-19
	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor 2 Timothy 4:1-8, Matthew 5:13-19	

Collect for Advent One (*Ad Te Levavi*)

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Part V of the LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

V: God hath highly exalted Him,

R: And given Him a name which is above every name.

O GOD, Who hast made the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, most dear to Thy faithful people, and most terrible to the evil spirits: Grant, we beseech Thee, that all we who worship This name on earth, may receive in this life the sweetness of Thy holy consolations, and in the world to come, the joys of exaltation, and of eternal blessedness in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.162).

through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Collect for the End of the Church Year

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, that in the past Church Year Thou hast preserved Thy Word among us in purity and by it effectively enlivened our souls; and we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our neglect, unbelief, and disobedience with respect to Thy Word, and continue to give us this precious treasure with Thy blessing forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

heard His Word were not benefited by it, we need not expect Him to spare us, if we are guilty of the same transgressions. Jerusalem was swept away entirely, so that we could not say that one house was left standing. (Luther's House Postil, Sermon for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 748)

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

Collect for Trinity Ten

O God, Who declarest Thine almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace that we, running the way of Thy Commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



**Ottheinrich Bible
1430
(I:76)
The Ten
Virgins in
Matthew
25:1-13**

On Entering the Church 2.

I BELIEVE in Thee, O God, the Father, my Maker; I believe in Thee, O God, the Son, my Savior; I believe in Thee, O God, the Holy Ghost, my Helper. Glory be to Thee O Holy Trinity. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.126).



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:5)
Peter Explains His Visit with Cornelius Acts 11
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Week of Trinity Eleven: August 11-17, 2024

Psalm 119, 11th part (☩ Kaph v.81-88) / 147

Hymn – “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall” (ASBH #49)

Daily Readings –

11 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Eleven 2 Samuel 22:21-29, 1 Corinthians 15:1-10, Luke 18:9-14	
12 Monday	Ephesians 6:18-24	1 Kings 16:29-17:24
13 Tuesday	Philippians 1:12-2:4	1 Kings 18:1-46
14 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Philippians 2:19-30	1 Kings 19:1-21
	Catechesis on St. Mark 7:31-37	
15 Thursday 10:30 AM	Philippians 3:1-11	1 Kings 21:1-29
	St. Mary Theotokos Isaiah 61:10-11, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55	
16 Friday	Philippians 4:1-3	1 Kings 22:51-2 Kgs 1:17
17 Saturday	Philippians 4:8-23	2 Kings 2:1-25

#53 The Lord Forbids Us to Boast on Account of Our Piety

In short the Pharisee imagines that he is everything and has everything, whilst he considers the publican to be nothing and to have nothing. What consummate wickedness! He should rather have said: It is true, I give my tithes regularly; I fast and do other good works as much as I can; yet I cannot trust in all my doing. All I have and do is a merciful gift of Thine, O God, and this publican may be more pleasing in Thy sight than I. Thus the Pharisee should have placed the publican above himself, or at least on an equality with himself. He should have said: It does not depend on gifts, either many or few, but on a gracious God. Why should I boast and despise others; when everything depends on the mercy of God and not on the gifts which we may possess? But such is not his language. He rather boasts of his piety, and that at a time when he is standing before God and praying. Thus the Lord forbids us to boast on account of our piety. He also teaches that no one has any reason to despair on account of sin, into which he has been misled by the devil. We have one God who embraces and covers us all with the mantle of His mercy — the pious and the sinner, the learned and the ignorant, the rich and the poor — He is the God of us all. Hence we should not exalt ourselves, but be humble, and should not imagine that we are better than others because we are rich, whilst they are poor. For God may favor the poor rather than the rich; yea, He can take away riches and reduce to nakedness, and again cover the naked beautifully and bestow excellent gifts. Why then should we exalt ourselves and despise others? (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 762)

Part IV of the **LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**
V: I will praise the name of God,
R: And I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.
O LORD, JESUS CHRIST, Who hast said: Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you: Grant to us now asking, we beseech Thee, the true affection of Thy most holy name, that we may love Thee with our whole heart, mouth and in all our work, and never cease from Thy praise; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.161-162).

#71 The True Doctrine Points You to Christ

From this you may perceive the foundation of the true doctrine, from which you should not deviate in the least. Note well that the true doctrine points you to Christ and presents Him, in order that you may be truly comforted against sin and death. This is done by teaching that we should believe Christ to be true, eternal and almighty God, one with the Father and the Holy Ghost, who has come to us on earth, conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He finally died on the cross, not for His own sins, but for our sins; in order that God might be reconciled and our debt might be canceled, and that we might arise from the dead and come to the enjoyment of everlasting life. In our behalf, Christ has conquered sin and death, so that these no more can harm us; now Christ sitteth at the right hand of God, protecting us against the devil, bestowing upon us the gifts of the Holy Ghost, and answering all our prayer, offered in His name for all we need for body and soul. This is the true doctrine concerning Christ and agrees throughout with the Word, which alone will enable us to resist Antichrist and his lies. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 900-901)

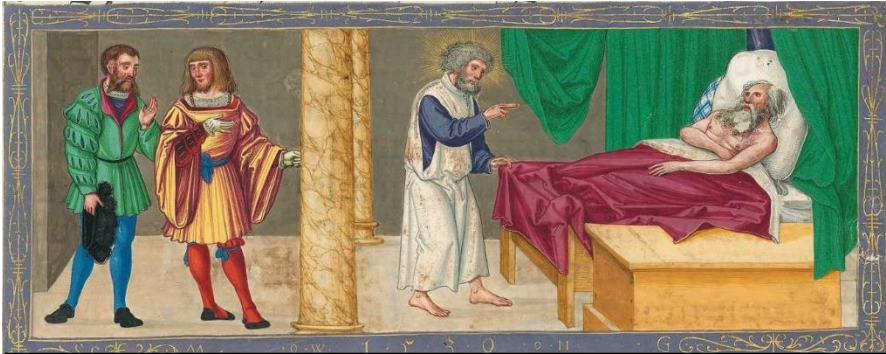
Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The Fifth Petition

Collect for Last Sunday

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy 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 Thy bountiful goodness;

Collect for Thanksgiving

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Whose mercies are new unto us every morning and Who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul, give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:50b)

A Leading Man named Publius in Acts 28:7

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Week of Last Sunday in Church Year: November 24-30, 2024

Psalm 111 / 18 verses 32-50

Hymn – “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us” (ASBH #65)

Daily Readings –

24 Sunday 10:15 AM	Last Sunday of the Church Year Isaiah 65:17-25, 1 Thess 5:1-11, Matthew 25:1-13	
25 Monday	2 Peter 3:1-18	Isaiah 65:17-25
26 Tuesday	Jude 1-25	Ezekiel 37:15-28
27 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 John 2:18-29	Habakkuk 3:1-19
28 Thursday 9:00 AM	Catechesis on Matthew 21:1-9	
	1 John 3:1-12	Isaiah 40:27-31
	Matins on Day of National Thanksgiving Isa 61:10-11, 1 Tim 2:1-18, Lk 17:11-19	
29 Friday	1 John 3:19-24	Jeremiah 14:7-9
30 Saturday 7:00 PM	1 John 4:1-8	Malachi 3:7-18
	Church decorating for Advent, 6 PM – 7 PM	
	Vespers on St. Andrew, Apostle Ezekiel 3:16-21, Romans 10:8-18, Matt 4:18-22	

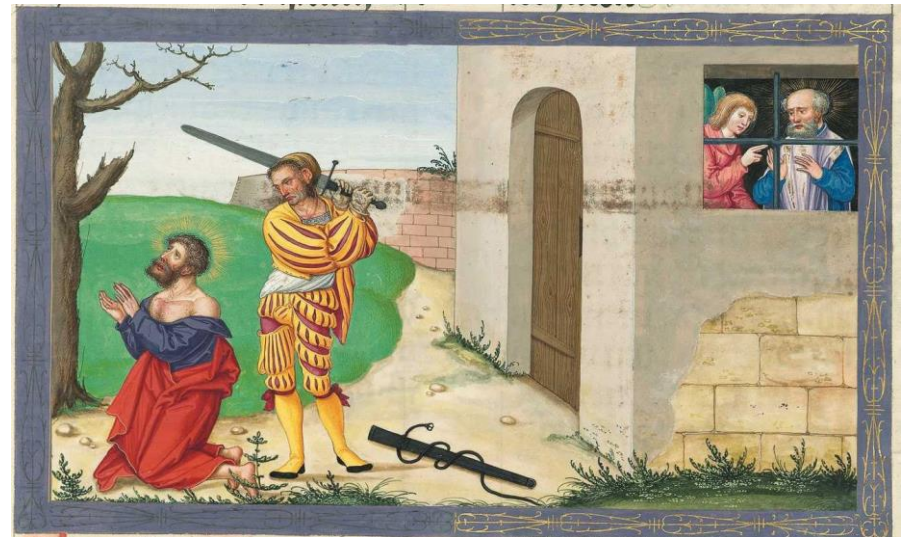
Catechism - The Ten Commandments: **The 8th Commandment**

Collect for Trinity Eleven

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray and wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **AMEN**

In the Sacristy 1.

THE GOD of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through Him, the Father of us all, grant that His godly name be hallowed, His kingdom increased, His divine will accomplished and that all that would hinder this be entirely done away, to the end, that we, in righteous Christian faith and with the fruits of good works, may live, glorify and praise Him, together with the Son and the Holy Ghost, the one, eternal, true God; for His is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory in eternity Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.127-128).



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:8)

Herod's Violence and Peter Escapes in Acts 12

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Week of Trinity Twelve: August 18-24, 2024

Psalm 119, 12th part (7 Lamedh v.89-96) / 104

Hymn – “O Christ, Our True and Only Light” (ASBH #50)

Daily Readings –

18 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Twelve Isa 29:18-19, 2 Cor. 3:4-11, Mark 7:31-37	
19 Monday	Colossians 2:1-23	2 Kings 4:1-44
20 Tuesday	Colossians 3:18-4:18	2 Kings 5:1-27
21 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	2 Kings 6:1-23
	Catechesis on St. Luke 10:23-37	
22 Thursday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-20	2 Kings 6:24-7:20
23 Friday	1 Thessalonians 3:1-13	2 Kings 8:1-15
24 Saturday 7:00 PM	1 Thessalonians 4:8-12	2 Kings 9:1-37
	Vespers on St. Bartholomew Prov 3:1-7, 2 Cor 4:7-10, Luke 22:24-30	

#54 The Lord Does Not Want Us to Despair Because of Our Sinfulness

In this world there will always be such a difference in regard to person, standing and gifts, so that the one will be more highly esteemed than the other. Yet on that account we are not unequal before God. And because nothing is recognized before Him except grace, why should anyone be permitted to boast and to be proud? All should humbly recognize the fact that God is the same, notwithstanding the difference in us; He has the same eye upon the poor as upon the rich. Therefore all should learn to trust in God’s mercy and grace. Both the righteous and the sinner, the rich and the poor, the strong and the feeble, are in the hands of God. Whatever they possess, they have received from Him. Of themselves they have nothing but sin. Hence no one should exalt himself over others, but all should fear God and be humble. For everything good is a gift of God. God has reason to claim the credit, not we. For us it is becoming to make use of His gifts with thanksgiving and in the fear of God. He will not suffer us to be proud, presumptuous and boastful.

But whilst God forbids all pride on account of piety and other gifts, **He does not, at the same time, want us to despair on account of our sinfulness.** He rather wants us, in this case, to trust in His mercy and to say: Though I am not as plentifully supplied as others, yet their God is my God and He has promised to be merciful to me also. Hence I will be contented and be faithful in my office or vocation, according to the gifts which He has bestowed; I will despise no one, nor exalt myself, neither will I feel slighted if others are favored more than I. I am well satisfied that the God

Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The Fourth Petition

Collect for Second-Last Sunday

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Thy just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with Thee forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Part III of V of the LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

V: Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

R: From this time forth and for evermore.

O LORD, make us to have equally a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name, because Thou never leavest those destitute of Thy governance, whom Thou hast founded in the steadfastness of Thy love; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.161-162).

#70 We Are So Very Slow to Believe Thanksgiving

Therefore we are indeed unhappy people, because we are so well provided with the Word of God and yet are so very slow to believe. This is the fault of the devil and of our shameful old Adam. For if we had an earnest desire for righteousness and salvation and all that we need, we would believe in the Lord Jesus and hope for everything through Him. For faith, as you have heard, can never be put to shame. Therefore the Lord extols faith very highly, saying: “Thy faith hath made thee whole.” The same faith in Christ will also help us, raise us from death unto life, conquer the devil, dispel our sins, and give us eternal life; all of which, though it is done by Christ, is nevertheless ascribed to faith. For it can never be obtained without faith. Even Christ, the holy sacraments, and the Word of God, or the preaching of the Gospel, cannot help or benefit us without faith. Faith must do it, else it will never be done. So much concerning the first miracle. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 884-885)

Week of Second-Last Sunday: November 17-23, 2024

Psalm 116 / 18 verses 20-31

Hymn – “Now Thank We All Our God” (ASBH #64)

Daily Readings –

17 Sunday 10:15 AM	2nd Last Sunday of the Church Year Isaiah 40:9-11, 2 Peter 3:3-14 or 2 Thess. 1:3-10, Matthew 25:31-46	
18 Monday	1 Peter 1:1-12	Zephaniah 3:9-20
19 Tuesday	1 Peter 1:13-2:10	Isaiah 34:1-17
20 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 Peter 4:1-7	Isaiah 35:1-10
	Catechesis on Matthew 25:1-13	
21 Thursday	1 Peter 4:12-19	Isaiah 54:1-17
22 Friday	2 Peter 1:1-15	Isaiah 60:7-22
23 Saturday	2 Peter 2:1-22	Isaiah 62:1-12

#69 I More Ready to Help You, Than You Are Prepared to Ask of Me

Yet it seems singular language which the Lord here uses. He confesses that virtue is gone out of Him. As new the woman stands before Him and acknowledges the benefit bestowed by Him, He gives no indication that a virtue has gone out from Him, but ascribes all to the faith of the woman, although not she herself, but the Lord has helped her. But the Lord observes this manner in order to inform us thereby how well He is pleased if you expect from Him everything good and ask Him for help. It is as though He would say: See to it, and learn to believe confidently, no matter in what need you are, that **I will indeed more readily help you than you are prepared to ask.** I am much more ready to deliver you from death than you are to desire life. This He proves by the fact; it is easy to obtain from Him the healing power so much desired. This example should teach us to believe and to expect everything good from Christ, in every time of need and anxiety. But, the fact is, we hear it preached, we are told of it at home, and perceive the miracles which He continues to perform every day, and yet we are very slow to believe. Whoever sees his cellar and granary filled may believe, and yet doubts whether he will have enough to eat and to drink for a year. Those who enjoy good health believe that God can help them. But when we are exposed to poverty and disease, then our faith is at an end. Then we do nothing but complain and cry, and imagine help to be found nowhere, though we are informed every day that God will be gracious unto us and help us through Christ. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 884-885)

of others is my God also, who is always the same, notwithstanding the difference in men. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 762-763)

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: The 9th and 10th Commandments

Collect for Trinity Twelve

Almighty and Merciful God, of Whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

In the Sacristy 3.

LORD and Giver of Life, Supplier of good things, Thou Who didst give to men the blessed hope of everlasting life, our Lord Jesus Christ: Vouchsafe that we may in holiness accomplish this divine liturgy to Thee, to the enjoyment of future blessedness; to the end that we, ever guarded by Thy might and conducted to the light of truth, may send up to Thee glory and thanksgiving, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, now and ever; Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.128).



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Herod’s Death in Acts 12:20ff

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Week of Trinity Thirteen: August 25-31, 2024

Psalms 119, 13th part (☐ Mem v.97-104) / 146

Hymn – “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (ASBH #51)

Daily Readings –

25 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Thirteen Leviticus 18:1-5, Gal 3:15-22, Lk 10:23-37	
26 Monday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	2 Kings 10:1-36
27 Tuesday	1 Timothy 1:1-20	2 Chron. 22:1-12
28 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 Timothy 2:1-15	2 Chron. 23:1-21
	Catechesis on Luke 17:11-19	
29 Thursday 10:30 AM	1 Timothy 3:1-16	2 Chron. 24:1-27
	Beheading of St. John the Baptist Jeremiah 1:17-19, Mark 6:17-29	
30 Friday	1 Timothy 4:1-16	2 Kings 14:1-29
31 Saturday	1 Timothy 5:1-25	2 Kings 15:1-38

#55 The Precious Gospel Is To Be Praised!

The first point we notice is, that the Savior here lauds His precious Gospel, saying to His disciples: “Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see. For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear and have not heard them.”

In these words the Savior wishes to comfort us when we see that the precious Gospel is despised more than anything else in this world. For it is a fact that the wicked world can hear and suffer all false doctrine, lies of the devil, and all heresy rather than the Gospel, which it will neither hear nor see, but continues to revile and to persecute vehemently, and thus to cause great sorrow to those who preach it. Such deplorable examples we observe all over Germany and many other countries. This the Lord observes, and comforts His disciples, saying: The children of this world, yea, even my own people, to whom I have been promised and sent, all deride and blaspheme my Word. But he that is so favored as to have this Word and uses it for his comfort, is indeed blessed and has blessed ears. He has reason to thank God from all his heart that he possesses and is able to appreciate what the children of this world so much despise. You are indeed more blessed than Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah — yea more than David and other pious kings. The highest desire of all sainted patriarchs, prophets and kings was for the time when they should see and hear me. This time they have not reached; but you have been blessed to see it. Therefore rejoice and be comforted, and thank God with all your hearts for the inestimable blessing of seeing and hearing me. You are indeed

Week of Third-Last Sunday: November 10-16, 2024

Psalms 116 / 18 verses 20-31

Hymn – “When in the Hour of Utmost Need” (ASBH #63)

Daily Readings –

10 Sunday 10:15 AM	3rd Last Sunday of the Church Year Isaiah 49:12-17, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matt 24:15-28	
11 Monday <i>Veterans' Day</i> 10:30 AM	Matthew 24:29-51	Daniel 11:36-12:13
	St. Martin of Tours Hebrews 7:23-27, Luke 11:33-36	
12 Tuesday	Matthew 22:23-33	Ezekiel 38:1-23
13 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 Corinthians 15:11-50	Ezekiel 39:1-29
	Catechesis on Matthew 25:31-46	
14 Thursday	Hebrews 3:7-4:13	Isaiah 43:14-25
15 Friday	Hebrews 11:8-16	Isaiah 33:17-24
16 Saturday	Hebrews 12:18-29	Ezekiel 37:1-14

#68 Learn to Love and Honor the Word of God and Live According to It

The Gospel lesson for today contains two parts. The first is a warning to those pious Christians who should live to see the destruction of Jerusalem, in order that they might know it beforehand and be enabled to escape from the calamity.

The other is a warning that pertains especially to these last times in which we live, inasmuch as terrible heresies will be introduced, in order that we may be prepared, may hold to the true doctrine, and beware of false prophets. Both of these warnings are necessary and in season, therefore we will study them with all diligence.

Though the first has reference to the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, fifteen hundred years ago, we may still derive from it the wholesome and comfortable doctrine **that we should learn to love and honor the Word of God, and to live according to it**, especially as God in such great wrath has punished the rejection of His Word in His own people. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 892-893).

Catechism - The Lord’s Prayer, The Third Petition

Collect for 3rd Last Sunday

Almighty God, we beseech Thee, show Thy mercy unto Thy humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with after the severity of Thy judgment, but according to Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:50a)

The Snake Attaches to Paul without Effect in Acts 28:1-6

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Part II of V of the LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Be merciful, Spare us, O Jesus. Be merciful, Hear us, O Jesus.
 From all evil, From all sin, From Thy wrath, From the snares of the
 devil, From everlasting death: Deliver us, O Jesus. Through the
 mystery of Thy incarnation, Through Thy nativity, Through
 Thy infancy, Through Thy most holy life, Through Thy woes,
 Through Thy agony and passion Through Thy cross and
 languor, Through Thy death and burial, Through Thy
 resurrection, Through Thy ascension, Through Thy joys,
 Through Thy glory: Deliver us, o Jesus.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; Have mercy
 upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; Have mercy
 upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; Grant us Thy
 peace.

O Jesus, hear us. O Jesus, hear us.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
 have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, Who art in Heaven...

(The Litany continues on the next pages. Oremus, 1925, p.160-161).

blessed above all others. (Luther's House Postil, Sermon for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 774)

Catechism - The Close of the Commandments

Collect for Trinity Thirteen

Almighty and Everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

While Vesting.

GIVE me again, Lord, the robe of immortality which I lost by the sin of the first parents, and although I am unworthy to come unto Thy holy sacrament, grant that I may attain everlasting joy; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.131).



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:20)

Paul and Silas Imprisoned in Acts 16:16

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Week of Trinity Fourteen: September 1-7, 2024

Psalm 119, 14th part (1 Nun v.105-112) / 66

Hymn – “Show Pity, Lord! O Lord, Forgive!” (ASBH #52)

Daily Readings –

1 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Fourteen Jeremiah 17:13-14, Galatians 5:16-24, Luke 17:11-19	
2 Monday <i>Labor Day</i>	1 Timothy 6:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-13
3 Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:1-18	Amos 7:7-17
4 Wednesday 6:30 PM	2 Timothy 2:1-26	2 Kings 16:1-20
	Catechesis on Matthew 6:24-34	
5 Thursday	Titus 1:1-16	2 Kings 17:1-23
6 Friday	Titus 2:1-10	2 Kings 18:1-37
7 Saturday	Titus 2:15-3:3	2 Kings 19:1-37

#56 In the Samaritan is Represented Our Savior Jesus Christ

The second point is that the Lord refers us to the fruit of the Gospel, to the good works which follow from hearing God’s Word aright.... But before we proceed to speak further of the blessed fruit of hearing and seeing what Christ says and does, we should observe, that in the Samaritan is given us not only an example of love, but also and especially that in it we find represented **the unspeakable grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**, which He manifested in behalf of the whole human race. Mankind had been stripped by the devil of all divine knowledge and spiritual gifts, and instead of it had been smitten with blindness, contempt of God, etc., and thus shamefully wounded and disfigured, so that no fear, love and trust in God remains in the hearts of men, but the very opposite. Hence the Apostle St. Paul calls them “by nature the children of wrath.” From such misery and ruin no creature in heaven or on earth can deliver us. If we were to be delivered from this deplorable condition, from death and eternal damnation, it had to be done by the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the true Samaritan. He had to become man and take upon Himself our sins and diseases, and to assure us in His Word that by His sufferings and death He has rendered satisfaction for our sins, and by His resurrection has brought to light righteousness and eternal salvation. Of this however we shall speak more at the close. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 775-776)

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powers that be. If these people will not pay their dues of their own account, they can be taken hold of and compelled. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 876-877)

Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, Second Petition

Collect for Trinity Twenty-Three

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy 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 Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Part I of V of the LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, hear us. O Jesus, hear us.

O GOD, the Father: in Heaven, Have mercy upon us.

O GOD, the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O GOD, the Holy Ghost, Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Trinity, One God, Have mercy upon us.

JESUS, Son of the living God, Jesus, Splendor of the Father, Jesus,

Brightness of eternal light, Jesus, King of glory, Jesus, Sun of righteousness, Jesus, Most admirable, Jesus, Most delectable, Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, Strength of God, Jesus, Patron of the future ages, Jesus, Counsel of the mighty angels, Jesus, most powerful, Jesus, most patient, Jesus, most obedient, Jesus, most gentle, Jesus, most loving, Jesus, our Lover. Have mercy upon us.

JESUS, Peace of GOD, Jesus, Author of life, Jesus, Pattern of virtues, Jesus, Lover of souls, Jesus, our God, Jesus, our refuge, Jesus, Father of the poor, Jesus, Treasure of the faithful, Jesus, Good Shepherd, Jesus, True Light, Jesus, Eternal Wisdom, Jesus, Infinite Good, Jesus, our Way and Life, Jesus, Joy of the angels, Jesus, King of the patriarchs, Jesus, Master of the apostles, Jesus, Teacher of the evangelists, Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, Courage of the martyrs, Jesus, Light of the confessors, Jesus, Crown of the saints: Have mercy upon us.

(The Litany continues on the next pages. Oremus, 1925, p.158-160).

Week of Trinity Twenty-Three: November 3-9, 2024

Psalm 124 / 116

Hymn –“For Help, O Whither Shall I Flee?” (ASBH #61)

Daily Readings –

3 Sunday <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> 10:15 AM	Trinity Twenty-Three Isaiah 32:1-8, Philippians 3:17-21, Matthew 22:15-22	
4 Monday	1 Corinthians 3:1-23	Joel 3:1-13
5 Tuesday	Matthew 19:16-30	Joel 3:14-21
6 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Luke 14:12-15	Obadiah 1-21
	Gustavus Adolphus, King and Confessor Catechesis on Matthew 22:15-22	
7 Thursday	Mark 13:1-37	Nahum 1:1-14
8 Friday	Romans 9:1-23	Nahum 1:15-3:19
9 Saturday	Romans 10:1-21	Isaiah 10:5-27
	Martin Chemnitz, Confessor	

#67 I will Forget my Complaints against my Neighbor, When I consider my Sins Against God

Hence we should be moderate in our complaints and be reasonable, and not merely look to our own rights over against others; but we should also remember our own wrongs over against God, and in all humility and patience lift up our hands unto God, saying: **It is true, I have been wronged and have not deserved such treatment by this man; but I must look around and consider my own conduct towards God.** If I do this, I will find and be convinced that I have sinned against God, ten, twenty, yea even a thousand times more than my neighbor has sinned against me. Therefore it becomes me to forget my complaints and to say: Forgive, O Lord; I will forgive also.

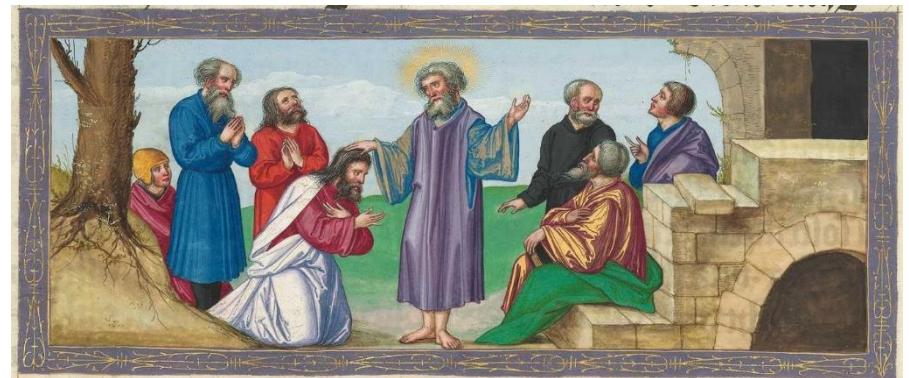
It would be wrong to defend our rights to the very last whilst we have been doing so much wrong against God. It is true, if one is able to defend his rights in a proper way and by fair means, he cannot be blamed. Law and justice have been instituted by God for the purpose of being used. But where our right cannot be maintained, let everyone abstain from litigation and from being impatient, but let him turn and say: I should have had my rights, and those offending me should have been condemned; but I must confess that before God I have deserved such wrong. Then we would not do like the Jews, who in their life and conduct set a bad example, and still insisted on their rights, though God did not have His rights at their hands. It 877is just as in the ease of the wicked peasants, who expect protection from the government, but will not pay tribute nor give anything. Such wantonness God has condemned by giving the sword into the hands of the

Collect for Trinity Fourteen

Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Before Preaching 2.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the source and perfection of all virtues: Grant that our pastor may both do what is right, and preach what is true: that both by action and teaching that Thy faithful people may receive the instruction which is of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.138, adapted).



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:25)

Paul's Miracles at Ephesus in Acts 19:11

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Week of Trinity Fifteen: September 8-14, 2024

Psalm 119, 15th part (☩ Samekh v.113-120) / 34

Hymn – “Why Art Thou Thus Cast Down, My Heart?” (ASBH #53)

Daily Readings –

8 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Fifteen Deut. 6:4-7, Galatians 5:25-6:10, Matthew 6:24-34	
9 Monday	Titus 3:8-15	2 Kings 20:1-21
10 Tuesday	Philemon 1-25	2 Kings 21:1-26
11 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Hebrews 1:1-14	2 Chron. 34:1-33
	Catechesis on Luke 7:11-17	
12 Thursday	Hebrews 2:5-3:6	2 Chron. 35:20-36:10
13 Friday	Hebrews 4:14-5:14	Jeremiah 22:1-30
14 Saturday	Hebrews 6:1-20	Jeremiah 25:1-14

#57 By the Example of Jesus, We will Be Urged to Love Our Neighbor

If we believe these truths with all our heart, we will be urged by the example of the Samaritan to love our neighbor. It is the nature of the Word, whenever it is rightly heard and believed, to make such people as the Samaritan here, who are full of pity and kindness toward every sufferer. When they find others in misery, they are ready to deliver them at their own trouble and expense. I have reference here to the help of indigent poor who are not in the habit of begging, like the indolent, idle and slothful professional beggars, who never can be induced to labor, but wander about over the whole country. Such vagabonds should not be supported. But when a Christian meets a worthy poor person he will be ready to help, like the Samaritan. He will reason thus: It is my neighbor, a man composed of body and soul like myself, and having the same God that I have. Hence he has also more claim on me than any other creature, and I will not pass him by. Come, dear brother, let me help thee, etc. He has compassion on him, as the Samaritan had compassion on the man having fallen among thieves, or a mother on her sick and suffering child. These are the true saints. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 776-777)

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Collect for Trinity Fifteen

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy

#66 The Dead in Christ are Living! All Saints’ Day

Whoever has eyes of this kind might glory in having Christian eyes. He would view things otherwise than the world does in times of famine or of pestilence. In times of famine everyone will look at his supply in cellar and granary, and feel according to the amount of that supply. If it be large he will feel happy; if small, he will feel discouraged and despondent. So also in times of pestilence. Whoever then can flee will do so, and seek safety at some other place. But a Christian who has a strong faith in Christ, would argue thus: Though I were attacked, if possible, by a thousand pestilences, I will not fear death, because I have Christ. If it is His will, no pestilence shall harm me any more than a flea, which may bite and sting me a little, but cannot take my life. And certainly if one could had such faith, he would feel secure, fear nothing, and be of good cheer. But because we do not believe and have no spiritual eyes, but look upon everything with carnal eyes, we are afraid and despondent, and are given to foolish thoughts, as though we could flee many miles from the wrath of God.

Now the Lord Jesus testifies that also those live unto God who, according to our view, have died, been buried, and decayed long ago. Therefore the Lord says, Matt. 22: “I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.” Therefore Abraham, Isaac and Jacob must live and not be dead, though they have lain in the earth thousands of years, and are long since turned into ashes so that neither hair nor skin is left. But Christ proves plainly that they are living; because unto God all must live, whilst to us all is dead. For the world and human reason cannot see anything but death. But the eyes of Christians should see what they do not see, but only hear in the Word, as the father and Christ here look upon the deceased maiden (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 889)

Collect for All Saints Day

O Almighty God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

#65 The Gospel Informs Us of God's Heart Full of Compassion **Reformation**

To think of God as a severe judge with whom sinners find no mercy, but of whom they can expect nothing but wrath, is altogether erroneous. This is not the case, though the law teaches nothing else of God. **For the law speaks of sinners who do not desire and do not hope for any grace.** But those sinners who acknowledge their sins, repent of them, and wish that they had not offended God — who mourn and lament that their lives have been in opposition to God and His commandments, and therefore ask for mercy — shall find mercy, as is here testified. The reason is that God is a merciful God and has a paternal heart. He has pity on us in our misfortune and is moved with compassion, as He declares by the prophet: "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?" Therefore when He finds you to be desirous of divine grace, and to hate sin and abandon it, He will cheerfully forgive your debt and show mercy unto you; as we here learn from the servant who acknowledges his debt and asks for mercy.

But as regards the means by which God will be gracious, **the Gospel informs us** of this in other places; namely, that the Son of God, our dear Lord Jesus Christ, took pity on poor sinners, took their sins upon Himself and paid their penalty by His death. Whoever now trusts in the Lord Jesus and in His death, has gained the good will of God, so that He can neither be angry nor punish. For aside from this **He has a heart full of compassion and is moved by our misery.** For this reason He of His own accord promised, as soon as Adam and Eve had fallen into sin and death, that the devil should be divested of his power by the seed of the woman. (Luther's House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 867)

Collect for Reformation

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, pour out, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in Thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church Militant Thy saving peace; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Before the Holy Communion 2.

WE RENDER Thee thanks, O Lord our God, that Thou hast given us boldness to enter into the Holiest, through the Blood of Jesus, by the new and living Way Which Thou hast consecrated through the veil of flesh of Thy Christ; therefore, thus entering into the tabernacle of Thy glory and brought within the veil, we fall down before Thee, full of fear and dread ... but Thou, O Lord, send forth Thy grace, and hallow our souls, bodies and spirits, that so with pure hearts we may in receiving forgiveness offer to Thee a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; through the Same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.140 adapted).



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:29)

Eutychus at Ephesus in Acts 20:7-12

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Week of Trinity Sixteen: September 15-21, 2024

Psalm 119, 16th part (V̇ Ayin v.121-128) / 36

Hymn – “Now Lay We Calmly in the Grave” (ASBH #54)

“Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise” (ASBH #101)

Daily Readings –

15 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Sixteen Deut. 32:39-40, Ephesians 3:13-21, Luke 7:11-17	
16 Monday	Hebrews 7:1-28	Jeremiah 37:1-21
17 Tuesday	Hebrews 8:1-13	Jeremiah 38:1-28
18 Wednesday 8:00 AM 6:30 PM	Hebrews 9:1-10 Jeremiah 32:1-44	
	Matins on Ember Wednesday in September Amos 9:13-15, Nehemiah 8:1-10, Mark 9:16-28	
	Catechesis on Luke 14:1-11	
19 Thursday	Hebrews 9:16-28	Jeremiah 39:1-18
20 Friday 8:00 AM	Hebrews 10:1-34	Jeremiah 29:1-23
	Matins on Ember Friday in September Hosea 14:2-10, Luke 7:36-50	
21 Saturday 7:00 PM	Hebrews 11:1-7	Daniel 1:1-21
	Vespers on Ember Saturday in September 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	

#58 Death is Rather Insignificant to Christ

He wants to teach all of us to look upon death as an insignificant thing, of which we have no reason to be afraid, but to await death and other misfortunes with a believing and patient heart, because we are assured of having a Lord who can easily help us and overcome death and other misfortunes. Behold how quickly and easily the woman is delivered, after having given up all hope of help. For who would have thought that the deceased son, who is carried to the grave for burial, should be restored to life?

After all hope had failed, our dear Lord Jesus Christ draws nigh and does nothing more than say: “Young man, I say unto thee, Arise!” And at once the dead man arises and lives. Here we must confess that in the eyes of the Lord death is like life, and that it makes no difference to Him whether we live or are dead. For though we had died, for Him we are not dead, because He can overcome death and restore life by a single word. Therefore the Lord truly says: “God is not a God of the dead, but of the living.” Though Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and other holy patriarchs are dead for us, yet they live unto God.

trained by father and mother, they must be trained by the executioner, who has to put an end to their wantonness.

Therefore this command does not pertain to the kingdoms of this world, where persons and offices are not alike, as was said before, but to the kingdom of heaven, in which we are all alike and have but one Lord, who is to be enjoyed by all. This “kingdom of heaven” begins here on earth, and is otherwise called the Christian Church on earth, in which God reigns by His Word and Spirit. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 864)

Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The First Petition

Collect for Trinity Twenty-Two

O God, our Refuge and Strength, Who art the Author of all godliness, be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

After the Service in the Sacristy 3.

FORGIVE for Christ's sake, O merciful Father, the imperfections of this service, and grant that our lives may show forth Thy praise. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.154).



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The Shipwreck on Malta in Acts 27:27ff

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Week of Trinity Twenty-Two: October 27-November 2, 2024

Psalm 119, 22nd part (⌈ Taw v.169-176) / 47

Hymn –“From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee” (ASBH #60)

Daily Readings –

27 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Twenty-Two Deut. 7:9-11, Philippians 1:3-11, Matthew 18:23-35	
28 Monday 10:30 AM	Matthew 18:1-22	Micah 4:9-5:1
	Sts. Simon & Jude Dt 32:1-4, 1Pt 1:3-9, Jn 15:17-21	
29 Tuesday	Mark 9:33-50	Isaiah 49:14-21
30 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Luke 17:20-37	Isaiah 2:10-21
	Catechesis on Mt. 24:15-28	
31 Thursday 10:30 AM	Romans 8:24-39	Isaiah 63:1-6
	Reformation Day Is 55:1-11, Rev 14:6-7, Mt 11:12-15	
1 Friday 7:00 PM	Mark 12:1-12	Joel 2:1-11
	All Saints Day Deuteronomy 33:1-3, Rev 7:2-17, Mt 5:1-12	
2 Saturday	Matthew 25:14-30	Joel 2:12-27
	<i>Daylight Savings Time ends tonight</i>	

#64 Forgiveness of Sins in the Church, But Not in Worldly Offices

That is, **among Christians, forgiveness of sins shall have no measure and no end**; one shall forgive the other always and beware of taking revenge; for this belongs to God alone, and His majesty and power we should never interfere with. This the parable treats of at some length, the reasons for which we will hereafter collect and notice one after another.... For the command concerning forgiveness of sins we should **never apply to kingdoms of this world**, in which offices and persons are not alike, but where one has always power and command over the other. Here malice is not to be tolerated nor are people to be allowed to do what they please; but misconduct must be punished and people must be admonished to live honorably and righteously.

It is not designed here to teach that a father should forgive his children everything and over look their rascality. He should punish, and for give nothing. So master and mistress and the temporal magistrate should not forgive their servants and subjects their misdemeanor, but punish them. For **it is the wicked habit of the world to grow worse and worse the more its transgressions are overlooked**; and if children do not want to be

From the Gospel of today and from the son of the widow we should learn to perceive the great power which God, through Christ, will apply to us at the last day, when, by a word, He will recall to life all men and give everlasting salvation to believers. This will be done in the twinkling of an eye, in order that we may not doubt in the least either the power of our Lord Jesus to do this or His will gladly to do it. For here we have the example. The son of the widow is dead; he has lost the gift of hearing and all other senses. But when Christ speaks to him, he hears. This is certainly a strange and wonderful incident. He that does not hear, hears; and he that does not live, lives. Nothing is done but that Christ opens His mouth and bids him arise. The single word is so powerful that death has to vanish and life return. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 807)

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Collect for Trinity Sixteen

Lord, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always go before and follow after us and make us continually given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Before the Holy Communion 4.
COUNT us worthy of this communion also, O God of Truth, and make our bodies to contain purity and our souls prudence and knowledge; and make us wise, O God of Compassions, by the participation of the body and blood, because through Thy Only-Begotten to Thee is glory and strength in the Holy Spirit, now and to all the ages of the ages. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.141).



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:34)
Paul Addresses Crowd in Jerusalem in Acts 21:37-22:21

Week of Trinity Seventeen: September 22-28, 2024

Psalm 119, 17th part (D Pe v.129-136) / 56

Hymn – “In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust” (ASBH #55)

Daily Readings –

22 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Seventeen 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Ephesians 4:1-6, Luke 14:1-11	
23 Monday	Hebrews 11:17-40	Daniel 3:1-30
24 Tuesday	Hebrews 12:1-17	Daniel 4:1-37
25 Wednesday 6:00 PM	Hebrews 13:1-25	Daniel 5:1-30
	Bishop James Heiser Visitation No Catechesis	
26 Thursday	James 1:1-15	Daniel 5:31-6:28
27 Friday	James 2:1-13	Ezra 1:1-11
28 Saturday	James 2:14-26	Ezra 3:1-13

#59 To Keep the 3rd Commandment is to Hear the Word and Help our Neighbor

The sum of the matter is that our Lord boldly tells the Pharisees that they do not know what it is to keep the Sabbath day and to sanctify it. According to your idea, He tells them, it is sanctifying the Sabbath day to be altogether idle and to do no work whatever. No, this is not the meaning of the Sabbath day. **To sanctify the Sabbath day means to hear the Word of God and to help our neighbor wherever we can.** God does not want a keeping of the Sabbath day in which our neighbor is neglected or left to suffer. For if I serve and help my neighbor, I have kept the Sabbath as it should be kept, and have done a truly good work. This doctrine concerning the Sabbath day shows us how to understand the third commandment aright, according to which we are required, not to be idle or to do nothing, but to hear the Word of God and to live according to that Word. And what does that Word teach us? It directs us, according to the second table, to love and serve one another. This God wants us to learn on the Sabbath day. Hence it must also follow that we are not desecrating the Sabbath day by such good works as these. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 815)

Catechism – The Apostles’ Creed, Second Article & Meaning

Collect for Trinity Twenty-One

Lord, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household, the Church, in continual godliness, that through Thy protection She may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

After the Benediction 4.

O GOD, the life of the faithful, the bliss of the righteous: Mercifully receive the prayers of Thy suppliants that the souls which thirst for Thy promises may evermore be filled from Thine abundance; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.153).



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:46)

Paul Before Agrippa in Acts 26

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Week of Twenty-One: October 20-26, 2024

Psalm 119, 21st part (V Sin and Shin v.161-168) / 47

Hymn - “By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free and Boundless” (ASBH #59)

“Christ Is Our Corner-Stone” (ASBH #106)

Daily Readings –

20 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Twenty-one Hosea 13:14, Ephesians 6:10-17, John 4:46-54	
21 Monday	Ephesians 1:1-23	Micah 6:1-9
22 Tuesday	Ephesians 2:1-22	Isaiah 58:1-14
23 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Ephesians 4:7-21	Isaiah 59:1-21
	Catechesis on Matthew 18:21-35	
24 Thursday	Ephesians 4:29-32	Jeremiah 31:1-22
25 Friday	Ephesians 5:10-14	Jeremiah 31:23-40
26 Saturday	Ephesians 5:22,23	Isaiah 48:1-22

#63 Appeal to Christ for Counsel and Help

We should therefore follow the example of the nobleman and **apply to Christ for counsel and help in all our troubles.** It is an easy matter for Him to help us in our distress; He needs but to speak the word and we are delivered. He is besides very willing to help us. The nobleman is in great haste and wants to avoid every delay, but the Lord is in still greater haste, and is not willing to leave the son of the nobleman in danger, until He and his father could reach him, but heals him at once even at a distance, and at the very moment when He said to the father: “Go thy way, thy son liveth.” Thus the Lord Jesus is no doubt willing to help us, if in all confidence we ask Him. He was sent upon earth for the purpose of delivering us from sin, death and the tyranny of the devil, and to translate us into the eternal kingdom of God. For this purpose the Father, our merciful God in heaven, has sent Him, and for this purpose alone did He come.

Whoever therefore desires and seeks help against sin and death, shall surely find it, as we here learn from the nobleman, who merely sought bodily help. How much more willing will not the Lord be to help us out of a far greater danger and when we are in far greater need of His help when our eternal salvation is at stake? (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 855)

Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The Introduction

Before Communing 4.

O LORD help me. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.147).

Collect for Trinity Seventeen

Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the Only God; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:36)

Paul Speaks to the Jews in Acts 23

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Week of Trinity Eighteen: September 29-October 5, 2024

Psalm 119, 18th part (Σ Tsadhe v.137-144) / 110

Hymn – “Thee Lord, Our God, We Praise” (Te Deum Laudamus)” (ASBH #56)

Daily Readings –

29 Sunday 8:00 AM 10:15 AM	St. Michael and All Angels Daniel 12:1-3, Revelation 12:7-12, Matthew 18:1-11	
	Trinity Eighteen Deut 10:12-21, 1 Cor 1:4-9, Matthew 22:34-46	
30 Monday	James 3:1-18	Ezra 4:1-24
1 Tuesday	James 4:1-5:6	Haggai 1:1-15
2 Wednesday 6:30 PM	James 5:12-20	Ezra 5:1-17
	Catechesis on Matthew 9:1-8	
3 Thursday	1 Peter 3:1-7	Ezra 6:1-22
4 Friday	1 Peter 3:15-22	Ezra 7:1-28
5 Saturday	1 Peter 5:1-5	Ezra 8:31-9:15

#60 Such Power To Forgive Sins is Give to Men

This Gospel teaches us to note particularly the good tidings which God has granted us, that we may here on earth say to each other, “Thy sins are forgiven thee,” so that with the people here spoken of we may marvel and glorify God, Which had given such power unto men. And it is indeed a great power that one Christian may say to another: My brother, be of good cheer, you have a gracious God; only believe the assurance which I give you in Christ’s name and it is as certain as if God Himself had said to you, Thy sins are forgiven thee. **Such power, as we hear, originated in Christ and is now given unto men, especially to those who are in office and are commanded to preach the Gospel, that is, repentance and forgiveness of sins, in Jesus’ name.** Other Christians, although they are not in that office, also have the command, in case of necessity, to comfort you when you are troubled on account of your sins, and to say: Why are you troubled? I, as a Christian, assure you that you are wronging yourself; God is not unmerciful unto you. You are for Christ’s sake to put all your trust in His grace. You are to comfort yourself as surely with these words as if Christ spake them in person from heaven. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 831-832)

Catechism – The Apostles’ Creed, Third Article & Meaning

righteousness and salvation. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 843)

Catechism – The Apostles’ Creed, Third Article & Meaning

Collect for Trinity Twenty

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving after the Communion 2.

WE give thanks unto Thee, O God, even we who are sunken in so many sins and have found no health and comfort save that which is with Thee only: We humbly beseech Thee that Thou wilt not turn from us, though it be but our just desert, the light of Thy countenance, but according to Thy great mercy increase in us continually that which Thou hast already begun; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.149).



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Paul Before Festus in Acts 25

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Week of Trinity Twenty: October 13-19, 2024

Psalm 119, 20th part (7 Resh v.153-160) / 98

Hymn – “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” (ASBH #58)

Daily Readings –

13 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Twenty Isaiah 65:1-2, Ephesians 5:15-21, Matthew 22:1-14	
14 Monday <i>Columbus Day</i>	Mark 4:1-41	Isaiah 43:1-13
15 Tuesday	Luke 13:18-35	Isaiah 41:1-20
16 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Matthew 13:31-58	Habakkuk 2:1-4
	Catechesis on John 4:46-54	
17 Thursday	Matthew 16:13-20	Isaiah 63:7-19
	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr Romans 8:35-39, John 12:24-26	
18 Friday 10:30 AM	2 Corinthians 3:10-4:18	Isaiah 64:1-12
	St. Luke, Evangelist Isaiah 35:5-8, 2 Tim 4:5-15, Lk 10:1-9	
19 Saturday	2 Corinthians 5:1-21	Isaiah 5:1-7

#62 The Kingdom of God is Where Gospel is Taught and Sacraments Properly Used

Therefore whenever you hear of the kingdom of heaven, you should not merely gaze up to heaven, but look around you upon the earth and seek it among the people, in the whole world, **where the Gospel is taught and Christ is believed in, and the Sacraments are properly used.** The “kingdom of heaven,” in plain language, is the kingdom of Christ and the kingdom of the Gospel and of faith.

For wherever the Gospel is there Christ is also. And where Christ is there is the Holy Ghost also and His kingdom, the true kingdom of heaven. And all who have the Word and Sacraments and believe and remain in Christ by faith are heavenly princes and children of God. All that remains to be done is that God remove the partition which still separates us, that is, that we die, then all will be heaven and salvation.

Learn to understand then, in the first place, that the kingdom of heaven is the kingdom of our Lord Jesus and is to be found wherever the Word and faith are. In this kingdom we have life in hope and are, according to the Word and faith, cleansed from all sin and delivered from death and hell, notwithstanding the old Adam and the corruption of the flesh. The old Adam has not yet been destroyed and the sinful flesh has not been put away; this must yet be done, then there shall be nothing but life,

Collect for Trinity Eighteen

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

On Receiving the Bread.

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ! Welcome to my soul, Lord Jesus, with the precious food of Thy most holy body, which, with the consecrated bread, Thou now givest me to eat in Thy sacrament, as Thou gavest it for me in Thy bitter death on the cross, for the forgiveness of my sins. May this bless me unto everlasting life. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.147).



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The Plot Against Paul in Acts 23

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Week of Trinity Nineteen: October 6-12, 2024

Psalm 119, 19th part (Qoph v.145-152) / 25

Hymn – “We All Believe in One True God” (ASBH #19)

Daily Readings –

6 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Nineteen Isaiah 44:21-23, Ephesians 4:22-28, Matthew 9:1-8	
7 Monday	1 John 1:1-10	Nehemiah 1:1-11
8 Tuesday	1 John 2:1-17	Nehemiah 2:1-20
9 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 John 5:1-3	Nehemiah 4:1-23
	Catechesis on Matthew 22:1-14	
10 Thursday	1 John 5:10-21	Nehemiah 8:1-18
11 Friday	2 John 1-13	Nehemiah 9:1-38
12 Saturday	3 John 1-14	Zechariah 8:1-23

#61 Where The Forgiveness Is Not Believed, God Is Considered to Be a Liar

All now depends on this, that you accept such assurance and hold it to be true that God is merciful unto you for Christ’s sake. This we here learn from the man sick with the palsy. In the first place, the Lord admonishes him to believe, saying: Son, be of good cheer, and doubt not, thy sins are forgiven thee. As soon as the palsied man believed these words his sins were really forgiven.

Thus we come into possession of the forgiveness of sins in our day also, when the servant of the Church, or any other Christian, assures you: God is not angry with you, do not you be angry with Him, because He has, for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ, forgiven you all your sins. You should therefore, with all confidence, trust in this assurance and suffer yourself to be torn to pieces rather than to doubt it. For if you doubt, the absolution, even if it were pronounced over you orally by God and His holy angels, would profit you nothing.

Where there is no faith, there God is considered a liar, as though He did not tell us the truth and would not fulfill His promises. May God in mercy graciously deliver us from such unbelief and sin, although the devil is a real expert in leading people to consider God a liar and to distrust His promises. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 832)

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Collect for Trinity Nineteen

O Almighty and Most Merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

On Receiving the Wine 1.

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ! Welcome to my soul, Lord Jesus, with the precious drink of Thy most holy blood, which, with the consecrated wine, Thou givest me to drink in Thy sacrament, as Thou didst pour it out on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins. May this bless me into everlasting life. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.148).



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:41)

Paul Appeals to Caesar Before Festus in Acts 25

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