

Prayer for Friday.

230. Lord Jesus Christ, patient Lamb of Sacrifice, and holy Propitiation for my sins, not mine alone, but the sins of the whole world; once again I thank Thee with my whole heart that Thou hast this day so paternally defended me with Thy protection in body and soul. I pray Thee, graciously pardon and forgive all my sins which I have this day committed through the weakness of my evil nature or through precipitation, and which now oppress my heart and conscience. I am about to lay me down to rest and sleep. Cause Thy grace to overshadow me that, sheltered thus, I may this night rest my limbs in peace but with the soul be evermore awake unto Thee. Cause me also to realize Thy glorious coming again unto judgment, and eagerly to await Thee even unto the day when, at last, I shall pass hence unto Thee in Thy salvation. To all this help me, gracious Redeemer, Who, together with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art praised and glorified forever. Amen. The Lord's Prayer. The Creed. **Psalm 15.** The *Gloria Patri.* (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Page 384)

Prayer for Saturday.

258. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded unto us, and made us to know the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure: in Whom also we have obtained an inheritance and are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until our redemption as His purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory. May He fill us with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we walk worthy of our Lord unto all pleasing, being faithful in every good work, and increasing in knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, to the glorious day of our Lord Jesus Christ, unto the honor and glory of God. Unto Him, the only true God, Eternal King, immortal, invisible, and omniscient, be honor and glory forever. Amen. The Lord's Prayer. The Creed. **Psalm 146.** The *Gloria Patri.* (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 432)

Our Family Daily Prayers Easter 3 to Trinity 10 (2025)



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The Kiss in Matthew 26:49

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Our Family Daily Prayers – 2025

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Week of Jubilate: May 11-17, 2025

Psalm 34 / 146

Hymn – “Zion Mourns in Fear and Anguish” (ASBH #32)

Daily Readings –

11 Sunday <i>Mother's Day</i> 10:15 AM	Jubilate Isaiah 40:25-31, 1 Peter 2:11-20, John 16:16-22	
12 Monday	John 6:60-71	Ezekiel 36:1-15
13 Tuesday	John 7:1-13	Ezekiel 36:16-32
14 Wednesday	John 7:14-24	Ezekiel 36:33-38
	No Catechesis	
15 Thursday	John 7:25-36	Haggai 2:2-9
16 Friday	John 7:37-53	Zechariah 2:1-13
17 Saturday	John 8:1-11	Zechariah 11:1-17

#38 Part 19 Bodily Training Give Benefits If Used to Serve the Pursuit of Godliness.

For **bodily training by which we discipline the body in food and drink and refrain from certain foods** (*1 Cor. 9:25*), as well as chastising the body by fasting, these practices indeed have their good benefits so that one might be able to more actively meet the obligation for prayer and godliness. Yet **this still does not instill true holiness**; does not cleanse the heart of sin; nor does it, in and of itself, make us acceptable to God. Thus, these are of **little value** if we practice and uphold them in opposition to true **inward godliness** which consists of **true inward heart-felt repentance, true humble faith in Christ, true heart-felt love in the fear of God** and other **holy, inward motivations of the heart**. For this, **godliness has the promise of this and the future life**. Accordingly, what the holy apostle specifically teaches here about **bodily training being of little value** is one and the same view and meaning that he teaches in other places about such outward practices and distinctions about food, **Rom. 14:3: Whoever eats should not despise him who does not eat; and whoever does not eat, let him not judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. V. 6: Whoever eats, let him eat for the Lord, for he thanks God. V. 17-18: For the Kingdom of God is**

Prayer for Tuesday.

162. Lord, Jesus Christ, Savior of the World, Eternal Word from the Father in heaven, by Whom all things were made, and without Whom nothing was made that exists, and without Whom nothing is preserved that liveth; years, seasons, and months, day and night were made by Thee, and by Thee all are governed and maintained: we miserable creatures who are ever in danger from our enemies, beseech Thee, O gracious Lord, protect us this night under the wings of Thy mercy, that we fall not away from Thee, nor let the evil one make us afraid. Help us that even in the darkness we may behold the light, Thou, Who art eternal Light, Who livest and reignest together with the Father in heaven, and the Holy Ghost, now, henceforth, and forevermore. Amen. The Lord's Prayer. The Creed. **Psalm 3**, and The *Gloria Patri*. (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 281)

Prayer for Wednesday

182. Lord Jesus Christ, the darkness descends upon us, to whom shall we flee? Unto Thee I come, O Heavenly, Eternal Light. Shine Thou round about me that mine eyes fall not into the sleep of eternal death. Banish from my presence the evil spirit and all his angels and whatsoever else is at enmity with my soul. Cause me to sleep in peace, to rest in safety, and to awake again in joy, to live a Christian life, and, at last, to die a blessed death. Let Thy grace be with me now and at all times, unto all eternity. Amen. O Son of David, have mercy upon me and forgive me all my transgressions. Amen. The Love of God the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with me and with all believers. Amen. The Lord's Prayer. The Creed. **Psalm 23**. The *Gloria Patri*. (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 318)

Prayer for Thursday.

204. Lord Jesus Christ, cover me this night with the mantle of Thy gracious, blood-bought merit. Be with me when I pray. Strengthen me in my prayer even as the angel from heaven strengthened Thee on Olivet against Thine anguish of death. Be with me when death overtakes me, and strengthen Thou me that neither devil nor world may bring any evil against me. Amen. The Lord's Prayer. **Psalm 4**. The *Gloria Patri*. (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 350)

Weekday Prayers

Prayer for The Lord's Day.

102. Almighty God, our Lord, according to Thine ordinance, darkness and night are now falling, and we retire to rest and sleep. We call upon Thee and beseech Thee awaken me and grant me the light by which I may walk and dwell safely with Thee in yonder eternity. Hear my prayer and answer me, O Thou Who slumberest not nor sleepest; through Jesus Christ. Amen. The Lord's Prayer. The Creed. **Psalm 103**, and the *Gloria Patri*. (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 173)

Prayer for Monday

130. Almighty and Ever Faithful God, I thank Thee that Thou hast this day so paternally protected me and mine, and kept from us all evil. In Thy name let me now retire to rest, and sleep upon my bed under Thy protection. Pardon, dear Lord, all my sins by which I have this day either consciously or unconsciously offended against and pained Thee. Grant me a quiet night and peaceful sleep, that no terrors overtake me. O Thou, Who keepest Israel, Who neither slumberest nor sleepest, watch over me. Abide with me, for the day is now far spent and evening is at hand. Charge Thy holy angels to be with me, to protect me as a wall of fire about me, that Satan, nor evil dreams, nor any phantasies may disturb me. (In the darkness be Thou the light unto my soul, that, though I sleep in darkness, I may have no fear. Let my soul rest in Thee; and, though death seek to embrace me, preserve Thou me in mind and spirit, that I may awake unto Thee, to be Thine, whether living or dying.) I commend unto Thee also all who are mine, my friends and neighbors, together with all my house and home. Grant also, O Lord, unto all who are in distress, sickness, want, sorrow, or temptation, and unto all who without Thy merciful hand find no sleep because of pains in body or soul, that they may enjoy a quiet and peaceful night. Preserve us from all evil; Awaken me early in Thy peace, unto the glory of Thy Name, and teach me to do Thy pleasure according to Thy will. And when, at last, I close mine eyes in death, and fall asleep in blessed communion with Thee, awaken me again with joy in the day of the resurrection of all flesh, unto eternal life. Amen. The Lord's Prayer. The Creed. **Psalm 123**, and the *Gloria Patri*. (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 228)

not eating and drinking, but rather righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever serves God this way is **pleasing to God and acceptable to mankind.** **1 Cor. 8:8—Food does not draw us to God.** If we eat, we will not thereby be any better. If we do not eat, we will not on that account be any less. **Heb. 13:9—It is a precious matter that the heart become steadfast. This occurs by grace, not by food. None benefit who circumvent this,** that is, those who want to serve God in this way. For it can only have a benefit, as the apostle testifies in this verse, if one uses this as an external discipline and *Paedagogiam* [pedagogy], without any delusion of necessity, as a special service of worship. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 23-24)

Catechism - Table of Duties: *Of Civil Government* Rom. 13:1–4, *Of Citizens*: Matt 22:21, Rom. 13:5–7, 1 Tim. 2:1–3, Titus 3:1, 1 Peter 2:13–14

Collect for Jubilate

Almighty God, Who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession and to follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; 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 (IV:11) Jesus Writes in Dirt John 8:1-11

Week of Cantate: May 18-24, 2025

Psalm 139 / 126

Hymn – “O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold” (ASBH #33)

Daily Readings –

18 Sunday 10:15 AM	Cantate Isaiah 12:1-6, James 1:16-21, John 16:5-15	
19 Monday	John 8:12-20	Zechariah 12:1-14
20 Tuesday	John 8:21-29	Isaiah 65:1-7
21 Wednesday 6:30 PM	John 8:30-45	Isaiah 65:8-16
	Catechesis on John 16:23-33	
22 Thursday	John 9:1-13	Jeremiah 8:4-13
23 Friday	John 9:14-34	Zechariah 8:18-23
24 Saturday	John 9:35-41	Isaiah 49:22-26

#39 Part 20 The Benefits of Godliness Are of Sheer Grace.

This is also the second part of this apostolic verse; namely, the important reason which should motivate us so that with the utmost zeal, we should train in godliness. This, then, is the greatest overwhelming benefit which we shall derive from this, because **godliness is good for all things and holds the promise for this and the future life, for which bodily training is of little value.**

With this, however, of necessity we are to take note of two things:

First of all, that such a rich bestowal of godliness—as one experiences it in this and also in the future life—takes place by sheer grace and not by our earning it by works. The apostle teaches this when he says: **Godliness possesses the promise of this and the future life.** For if it is a promise, then it cannot be something earned, especially since the promise flows forth from sheer unearned grace. Concerning the promise of the land of Canaan given to the Israelites, God the Lord says the following through Moses to His people in **Deu. 9:4-5: Do not say in your heart: The Lord has led me in to take this land because of my righteousness, for you are not entering in to receive this land of the Gentiles because of your righteousness and because of the uprightness of your heart.** And later He repeats this again in **v. 6—So then, realize that the heart of your God does not give you this good land to enter into because of your righteousness, especially since you are a stiff-necked people.** (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 24-25)

passion; and that the beloved bride of Christ may be made pure and white in her virtues, she is made ruddy by her sufferings for His name’s sake.

From the hardest stone of our afflictions divine grace can bring forth oil and honey, and from the bitter root of present suffering the sweetest fruit of eternal glory.

And to this eternal glory, O Lord Jesus, lead us on and on, and to its blissful enjoyment finally bring us! Amen. (Gerhard’s Sacred Meditations – XLI: The Principle of Christian Patience, Repristination Press, p. 240-241)

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 (III:44) Pharisee and Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14

Week of Trinity Ten: August 24-30, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

24 Sunday	8:00 AM	Matins on St. Bartholomew Prov 3:1-7, 2 Cor 4:7-10, Luke 22:24-30	
	10:15 AM	Trinity Ten Jeremiah 7:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Luke 19:41-48	
25 Monday		Galatians 2:1-21	1 Kings 9:1-28
26 Tuesday		Galatians 3:1-14	1 Kings 10:1-29
27 Wednesday		Galatians 4:8-20	1 Kings 11:1-43
	6:30 PM	Catechesis on St. Luke 18:9-14	
28 Thursday		Galatians 5:1-15	1 Kings 12:1-33
29 Friday		Galatians 6:11-18	1 Kings 13:1-34
	10:30 AM	Beheading of St. John the Baptist Jeremiah 1:17-19, Mark 6:17-29	
30 Saturday		Ephesians 6:1-9	1 Kings 14:1-31

#57 XLI: The Principles of Christian Patience, part 5: The Church, the bride of Christ, is black without (Cant. i. 5), because of her afflictions and persecutions; but within she is comely and beautiful, because she enjoys the consolations of the divine Spirit. The Church is as a garden enclosed (Cant. iv. 12), and so is every faithful soul, since no one knows its beauty unless he is within it. And never shall we know fully and perfectly the consolations of the Spirit of God, unless the power of the flesh over us is destroyed by affliction. If the love of the world fills our hearts, then the love of God can find no entrance therein. A vessel already full cannot be filled with some new liquid unless it be first emptied. Let us therefore empty our hearts of the love of the world, that we may fill them with the love of God. So God, in sending the cross, seeks to destroy the love of the world in us, that the divine love may find place in our heart. The cross, moreover, leads us to prayer, and becomes the occasion for the exercise in us of Christian virtues. When the north wind blows upon the garden, its spices flow out (Cant. iv. 16), and when persecutions sweep over the Church then are developed those peculiar graces and virtues which are so pleasing to God. The beloved Bridegroom of the soul is white and ruddy (Cant. v. 10); white in His holy innocence, ruddy in the blood-marks of His

Catechism - Table of Duties: To Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7, Col 3:19

Collect for Cantate

O God, Who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant unto Thy people that they may love what Thou commandest and desire what Thou dost promise, that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 (IV:17) Jesus Heals Blind Man John 9:1-41

Week of Rogate: May 25 - 31, 2025

Psalm 143 / 124

May 26-28 - **Psalm 70**, May 29 - **Psalm 8, 21, 47 / 24, 68, 148**

Hymn – “Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above” (ASBH #34)

Ascension Hymn – “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”
(ASBH #35)

Daily Readings –

25 Sunday 10:15 AM	Rogate Numbers 21:4-9, 1 Timothy 2:1-6, St. John 16:23-33	
26 Monday <i>Memorial Day</i>	John 10:1-5	Amos 9:8-15
	Rogation Monday John 10:1-5, Amos 9:8-15	
27 Tuesday 8:00 AM	John 10:6-10	Isaiah 4:2-6
	Matins on Rogation Tuesday John 10:6-10, Isaiah 4:2-6	
28 Wednesday 8:00 AM 6:30 PM	Matthew 28:16-20	Isaiah 29:18-24
	Matins, Rogation Wednesday Mt 28:16-20, Is 29:18-24	
	Catechesis on John 15:26-16:4	
29 Thursday 7:00 PM	Divine Service on Ascension Day 2Kings 2:5-15, Acts 1:1-11, Mark 16:14-20	
30 Friday	Luke 24:50-53	Micah 7:7-13
31 Saturday	Acts 1:12-26	Micah 7:14-20

#40 Part 21 The Promise of Eternal Life is Also of Sheer Grace.

If, then, the promise of the land of Canaan is a pure promise of grace, how much more will not the promise of eternal life be a pure promise of grace, which flows forth simply and solely out of the undeserved grace of God, and in no way depends on the merits of one's own works? **When you have done everything that I have commanded, then still say, we are non-beneficial servants; we have done what we were obligated to do.** That's how Jesus teaches us in Luke 17:10: With what would we be able to earn the promise of eternal life? If someone does a particular thing, but does not actually perfectly fulfill what he already owes, he cannot earn anything with his works.

Now, however, we humans have this privilege: that all the things we do to glorify God and do to please Him, we are to do since we already owe Him that *jure creationis, conservationis & redemptionis* [by right of creation, preservation and redemption] because He has created, preserved, and redeemed us; indeed, we do not do this perfectly on account of the fact that in this life, we do not perfectly do all these things; how, then, would we be able to earn anything from God the Lord with our indebted imperfection? Oh! The poor cannot earn it! Yet we as poor beggars have to petition and beg before God's door for daily bread (Mat. 6:11). How dare

Collect for Trinity Nine

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please 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.**

Catechism - The 10 Commandments: The Seventh Commandments



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:38) The Shrewd Manager Luke 16:1-13

Week of Trinity Nine: August 17 – 23, 2025

Psalm 119 9th part (Teth v.65-72) / Psalm 139

Hymn – “Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall” (ASBH #47)

Daily Readings –

17 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Nine 2 Sam. 22:26-34, 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, Luke 16:1-13	
18 Monday	2 Cor 8:1-24	1 Kings 3:16-28
19 Tuesday	2 Cor 9:1-15	1 Kings 4:22-34
20 Wednesday 6:30 PM	2 Cor 10:1-18	1 Kings 5:1-18
	Catechesis on Luke 19:41-48	
21 Thursday	2 Cor 11:1-18	2 Chron 3:1-17
22 Friday	2 Cor 12:19—13:13	1 Kings 8:1-66
23 Saturday	Galatians 1:1-24	1 Kings 7:1-12

#56 XLI: The Principles of Christian Patience, part 4: But consider the blessed advantages of the cross. It destroys the roots of worldly love in us, and implants the love of God in our heart. The cross begets within us a hatred of the world, and lifts up our minds to the contemplation of things heavenly and divine. If we mortify the deeds of the flesh, the Holy Spirit lives within us; and as the world becomes bitter to our souls, Christ becomes sweeter and sweeter. Greater, indeed, are the mysterious influences and blessing of the cross, since by it God calls us to contrition for our sins, to a true and holy fear of Himself, and to the exercise of patience. When the Lord stands at our heart’s door and knocks, let us open to Him, and hear what He shall speak in our souls. Oh, the world and the carnal outward man may look with contempt upon the cross, but to God and in the eyes of the inward spiritual man it is glorious. What could be more abject and despicable than the passion of Christ, our Saviour, in the eyes of the Jews; and yet what could be more glorious and precious than that same passion of Christ in the eyes of God; since this is the price He paid for the atonement of the sins of the whole world (1 John ii. 2)? And so the righteous man is afflicted: “The righteous man perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart” (Is. lvii. 1); but how precious is the cross,—“precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints” (Ps. cxvi. 15). (Gerhard’s Sacred Meditations – XLI: The Principle of Christian Patience, Repristination Press, p. 239-240)

we ever more deeply fall into this line of thinking that we might be able earn heaven and eternal life from God the Lord by our good works? The holy apostle says it well in Rom. 8:18—**I maintain that the sufferings in these times is not worth compare to the glory which shall be revealed to us.** If the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to eternal glory, then suffering for the sake of God’s glory is of much weightier and greater importance than works. And in Rom. 6:23: **Eternal life is** (not a payment or an earned wage from good works, but a gift of God χάρισμα, a gift of grace) in Christ Jesus our Lord, which He, through His precious merit and perfect obedience, won for us. ... What God the Lord has promised us, He gives to us on the grounds of grace, not as a reward for our works. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 25-26)

Catechism - Table of Duties: To Wives Eph. 5:22, 1 Peter 3:5–6



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (IV:22) Lazarus Raised John 11:1-44

Collect for Rogate (use May 25-28)

O God, from Whom all good things do come, grant to us, Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be right and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Rogation Days

#41 Part 22 The Reward of Godliness In the Midst of Cross and Adversity.

Second, as we consider this benefit of godliness is the matter that by the promise of this life is understood to mean the reward in this life *cum exceptione crucis & salutis* [with the exception of the cross and salvation]. With this is indicated that it will not redound to our salvation and be of benefit to us that God the Lord, in this life, lays upon us the fatherly chastisement of crosses. **Christ teaches us this in Mark 10:29–30:** **Anyone who forsakes house or brother or sister or father or mother or wife or children or land for My sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will in this present time, receive a hundred-fold of houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and land amidst persecution; and in the future world, eternal life.** Here, we clearly hear that the promise of this life or the reward of godliness in this life, takes place amidst persecution; that is to say, this will not occur apart from cross and adversity, **for all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will have to suffer persecution** (2 Tim. 3:12). **My child, if you wish to be a servant of God, then prepare yourself for anxiety** (Sir. 2:1). Since you love God, it has to be that you will not remain without anxiety, in order that you be preserved (Tob. 12:13).

It would be very easy for God to richly grant the godly everything good in this life; for Him to give them relief from all anxiety, tribulation and adversity; along with this, to give them riches, honor, health and all blessings. However, He knows very well that the godly still bear flesh and blood within them, which so very easily could abuse all of this and bring upon itself eternal retaliation. That's why He keeps them under the cross in this life and, at the same time, He does good things for them in the midst of cross and tribulation, in that, through the Holy Spirit, He mightily comforts and strengthens them, assures them of His grace, makes them to be happy and confident that they with David may say, from Psalm 119:71: **I love that You have humbled me**—understand, by means of cross and adversity—**so that I may learn of Your righteousness.** (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 26-27)

Collect for Ascension (use May 29-31)

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

proportion, the persecutions we suffer here. (Gerhard's Sacred Meditations – XLI: The Principle of Christian Patience, Repristination Press, p. 237-238)

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: The Sixth Commandment

Collect for Trinity Eight

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; 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 (II:35) Healing of Boy Mark 9:14-32

Week of Trinity Eight: August 10 - 16, 2025

Psalm 119 8th part (¶ Heth v.57-64) / Psalm 126

Hymn – “The Will of God Is Always Best” (ASBH #46)

Daily Readings –

10 Sunday	8 AM	Matins on St. Laurence, Deacon & Martyr 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, St. John 12:24-26	
	10:15 AM	Trinity Eight Jeremiah 23:16-29, Acts 20:27-38, Matthew 7:15-23	
11 Monday		1 Cor 12:12-31	2 Sam 19:1-23
12 Tuesday		1 Cor 14:1-40	1 Chron 21:1-30
13 Wednesday		1 Cor 15:58—16:24	1 Chron 22:1-19
	6:30 PM	Catechesis on Luke 16:1-13	
14 Thursday		2 Cor 1:1-24	1 Chron. 28:1-21
15 Friday		2 Corinthians 2:1-3:3	1 Chron 29:1-23
	10:30 AM	St. Mary Theotokos Isaiah 61:10-11, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55	
16 Saturday		2 Corinthians 6:11—7:16	2 Chron 1:1-13

#55 XLI: The Principles of Christian Patience, part 3: Consider, moreover, the tribulation which the saints of the past have endured. Behold the patriarch Job, “as he sat down among the ashes” to weep (Job ii. 8); John the Baptist fasting in the wilderness (Luke iii. 2); Peter extended upon a cross, and James beheaded by the sword of Herod (Acts xii. 2). Think of Mary, the blessed mother of our Saviour, standing with pierced heart under the cross (John xix. 25), who in some sense becomes a type of Christ’s Church, the spiritual mother of our Lord. “Blessed are ye,” says Christ, “when men shall persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you” (Matt. v. 11, 12). O glorious persecutions, which link us to the apostles and prophets, and to all the saints, aye to our blessed Christ Himself. Let us patiently suffer then with the saints of God, who have suffered in His cause; let us even rejoice to be crucified with those who have been crucified, that we may at last be glorified with those who have been glorified. If we are indeed sons of God, let us not refuse to share the portion of the rest of His children. If we truly desire to be heirs of God, let us joyfully accept all that heirship involves. But let us remember that as sons of God we are heirs not only of the joy and glory of the future life, but also of the sorrow and of the suffering of this present life, for “God scourgeth every son whom He receiveth” (Heb. xii. 6). He punishes our sins here that He may spare us punishment in the day of judgment; He lays tribulation after tribulation upon us here, that there He may bestow upon us an exceeding weight of glory; and, indeed, the reward far exceeds, in

Ascension

#42 Part 23 Our Concern is Not Solely This Life.

Inasmuch, then, as the true believers are also not just simply and primarily here to see a reward in this life, but rather for the promise of eternal life and along with that, are to commend to God the Lord how He may desire to deal with them in this life, whether He wants to lead them to heaven via roses or via thorns, whether He wants to give them cross and adversity or relief from tribulation... all this they are to willingly receive from His hand and in all things, obediently commend themselves into His gracious, fatherly hand.

This is also the Scriptural explanation given to Timothy by this apostolic rule: **Train yourself in godliness**, that is *serium pietatis studium* [the serious pursuit of godliness]. **For bodily training is of little value, but godliness is good for everything and has the promise of this and the future life**, that is *amplissimum pietatis proemium* [the farthest reaching reward for godliness].

By relying on divine help, let us and others, by responsibly following this apostolic rule, **train ourselves for godliness**. [*Let us do it*] in such a manner that we, at the beginning, search out the most important and moving reasons which should, in general, encourage and awaken each individual to godliness, which yet not everyone makes their top priority. Let us sharpen these skills. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 28)



Otttheinrich Bible 1430 (II:59) Christ’s Ascension Mark 16:15-20

Week of Exaudi: June 1-7, 2025

Psalm 93 / 97

Hymn – “Had God Not Come, May Israel Say” (ASBH #36)

Daily Readings –

1 Sunday 10:15 AM	Exaudi Ezekiel 36:22-28, 1 Peter 4:7-14, John 15:26-16:4	
2 Monday	John 10:17-21	Zechariah 13:7-9
3 Tuesday	John 10:22-31	Zechariah 14:1-21
4 Wednesday	John 10:32-42	Isaiah 66:10-24
	No Catechesis	
5 Thursday No Service	John 11:1-27	Jeremiah 46:27,28
	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	
6 Friday	John 11:28-44	Isaiah 32:9-20
	Eldona Formation Anniversary 2006	
7 Saturday No service	John 11:45-57	Isaiah 57:15-21
	Pentecost Eve Acts 19:1-8, John 14:15-21	

#43 Part 24 We are Lazy and Need Admonitory and Didactic Training in Godliness.

Consequently, in order that we may then give a definite form and good directions from God’s Word as to how and in what manner one may and should train oneself in godliness, the treatise of these five books now springs forth. *Prior liber erit vouθετητικός, continens pietatis ὁρηγήρια* [Vol. I will be admonitory, containing incentive for godliness]. *Postiores erunt διδακαλικός, exponentes pietatis ἐργαστήρια* [The latter will be didactic, and will do the work of explaining godliness]. *Prior demonstrabit τὸ ὅτι καὶ τὸ διότι, quod & quare pietatis sit studendum* (Vol. I will show the why and the wherefore one must pursue godliness); *postiores exponent τὸ πῶς qua ratione pietatis exercitationi incumbendum* (the rest of the volumes will explain the whole reason why the exercise of godliness is incumbent upon us).

Both are required for the true practice of godliness. For on account of the corruption of our nature, we are altogether reluctant and lazy regarding godliness; and our hearts flatter themselves with the belief that they are capable of evoking the highest motives which would awaken and encourage us to godliness, as well. Since we especially also, through this very same corruption of our nature, have our spiritual understanding blindly deluded in such way that we do

Collect for Trinity Seven

O God, Whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in Heaven and Earth, we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things and give to us those things which be profitable for us; 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 (II:31) Jesus Feeds Four Thousand Mark 8:1-13

Week of Trinity Seven: August 3-9, 2025

Psalm 119 7th part († Zayin v.49-56) / Psalm 125

Hymn – “Wondrous King, All-Glorious” (ASBH #45)

Daily Readings –

3 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Seven Genesis 2:7-17, Romans 6:19-23, Mark 8:1-9	
4 Monday	1 Cor 5:9-6:20	1 Chron 16:1-43
5 Tuesday	1 Cor 7:1-40	2 Samuel 7:1-29
6 Wednesday	1 Cor 8:1-13	2 Samuel 12:1-23
	No Catechesis	
7 Thursday	1 Cor 9:1-23	2 Samuel 15:1-15
8 Friday	1 Cor 10:14-33	2 Samuel 16:5-35
9 Saturday	1 Cor 11:1-22	2 Samuel 18:1-13

#54 XLI: The Principles of Christian Patience, part 2: Think of the inconceivable reward held out to thee. “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Rom. viii. 18). Whatever our suffering may be here, it is only for a time—nay, it is sometimes but for a day—but the glory that awaits us is forever and ever. God knows perfectly all our adversities, and some day He will bring them all into judgment (Ecc. xii. 14). Oh, how distressing it will be for us to appear in that august gathering of all the universe without the ornaments of the cross and of our sufferings for Christ upon us. “And God Himself shall wipe away all tears from their eyes” (Is. xxv. 8; Rev. vii. 17; xxi. 4). O happy tears, which such a hand of such a Lord shall wipe away! O blessed cross, that shall in heaven be exchanged for such a reward! Scarce ten years did King David spend in exile, but for forty he ruled in his kingdom (2 Sam. v. 5). Here we may see prefigured the brevity of our life of suffering, and the unending glory which is to follow. ’Tis but a mere point of time after all in which the saints of God, often objects of the world’s pity, suffer the hardships of the cross; for “weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning” (Ps. xxx. 5). (Gerhard’s Sacred Meditations – XLI: The Principle of Christian Patience, Repristination Press, p. 236-237)

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: The Fifth Commandment

not know how and in what manner we are to serve God, and are unable to train ourselves in godliness, from the Word of God one has to simultaneously defend against the corruption, and search for counsel and help for this sickness of the soul. We want to initiate a beginning concerning the reasons why we should be motivated to godliness. Thus, we thereafter will be all the more willing and eager to be motivated towards godliness if we consider how and in what manner we should and can train ourselves in godliness. GOD wants to grant us His Spirit’s grace and power for the sake of Christ, so that it may redound to His glory and for the furtherance of the salvation of many. Amen. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 28-29)

Catechism - Table of Duties: Parents: Eph 6:4

Collect for Exaudi

Almighty, Everlasting God, make us to have always a devout will toward Thee and to serve Thy Majesty with a pure heart; 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 (III:81) Healing at Pool; Take up Bed John 5:1-15

Week of Pentecost: June 8-14, 2025

Psalm 48, 68, 45 / Psalm 104, 145; June 9-10 **Psalm 90 / 19**

Hymn – “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” (ASBH #37)

Daily Readings –

8 Sunday 10:15 AM	Pentecost Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14: 23-31	
9 Monday 10:30 AM	Pentecost Monday Isaiah 57:15-21, Acts 10:42-48, John 3:16-21	
10 Tuesday 10:30 AM	Acts 2:14-36	Ezekiel 47:1-12
	Divine Service on Pentecost Tuesday Isaiah 32:14-20, Acts 8:14-17, John 10:1-10	
11 Wednesday 8:00 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM	Acts 2:37-47	Isaiah 45:18-21
	Matins on Ember Wednesday Acts 2:14-21, Acts 5:12-16, John 6:44-52	
	St. Barnabas, Apostle Isaiah 60:1-5, Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3, Mark 6:7-13	
	Learn-by-Heart Catechesis	
12 Thursday	John 14:1-22	Isaiah 45:22-25
13 Friday No Service	John 15:1-25	Jeremiah 9:23-26
	Ember Friday Joel 2:23-27, Luke 5:17-26	
14 Saturday No Service	John 16:31-17:26	Isaiah 44:6-8
	Ember Saturday Romans 5:1-5, Luke 4:38-44	

#44 VIII: The Certainty of Our Salvation, Part 1: A Good Hope cannot be Confounded. Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou still doubting the mercy of God? Remember thy Creator. Who hath created thee without any concurrence of thine own will? Who was He that formed thy body in secret, when thy substance was curiously wrought in the lower parts of the earth (Ps. cxxxix. 15)? Will not He who cared for thee before thou hadst any being care for thee now, after He hath formed thee in His own image? I am a creature of God; to my Creator then do I betake myself. What if my nature is corrupted by the devil; and pierced and wounded by my sins, as by murderous robbers (Luke x. 30), yet my Creator still lives. He who could create me at first can now restore me. He who created me without sin, can now remove from me all the sin which has entered into me and has permeated my whole being, either through the temptation of the devil, through Adam's fault, or through my own actual transgression. (Gerhard's Sacred Meditations

be that the head of the body should be afflicted, and the rest of the members should not suffer with it! Nay, rather, as it behooved Christ to suffer, and thus to enter into His heavenly glory (Luke xxiv. 26), so also we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God (Acts xiv. 22). (Gerhard's Sacred Meditations – XLI: The Principle of Christian Patience, Repristination Press, p. 235-236)

Catechism - The 10 Commandments: The Fourth Commandment

Collect for Trinity Six

Lord of All Power and Might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; 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:52) Peter Walks on Water Matthew 14:22-36

Week of Trinity Six: July 27 – August 2, 2025

Psalm 119 6th part (ⲓ Waw v.41-48) / Psalm 85

Hymn – “The Man a Godly Life Might Live” (ASBH #44)

Daily Readings –

27 Sunday	Trinity Six	
10:15 AM	Exodus 20:1-17, Romans 6:1-11, St. Matthew 5:17-26	
28 Monday	Romans 14:1—15:3	1 Samuel 26:1-25
29 Tuesday	Romans 14:14-33	1 Samuel 28:3-25
10:30 AM	St. Olaf, King & Martyr	
30 Wednesday	Romans 16:1-27	1 Samuel 31:1-13
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Mark 8:1-9	
31 Thursday	1 Cor 1:10-31	2 Samuel 1:1-27
1 Friday	1 Cor 2:1-16	2 Samuel 5:1-25
2 Saturday	1 Cor 4:6-5:5	2 Samuel 6:1-23

#53 XLI: The Principles of Christian Patience, part 1: Patience will triumph at last. Rest in the Lord, O devout soul, and bear patiently the cross imposed upon thee by God. Meditate upon the awful passion of Christ, thy spiritual Spouse. He suffered in behalf of all, He suffered at the hands of all, He suffered in all things. He suffered for all, even for those who despised His Holy passion and trampled under foot the blood of the covenant, counting it an unholy thing (Heb. x. 29). He suffered at the hands of all. He is delivered up (Rom. viii. 32), He is stricken (Is. liiii. 4, 5), He is forsaken (Matt. xxvii. 46) by His heavenly Father, He is deserted by the disciples whom He loved (Matt. xxvi. 56), He is rejected by the Jews, His own peculiar people (Matt. xxvii. 21, 22), who chose the robber Barabbas instead of Himself. He is crucified by the Gentiles, He bore the sins of all mankind, and so the whole race was concerned in the guilt of His death. He suffered, also, in every conceivable way. His soul was exceeding sorrowful even unto death (Matt. xxvi. 38); and, overwhelmed with a sense of the divine judgment, He cried out on the cross that He was forsaken of God (Matt. xxvii. 46). His body sweat, as it were, drops of blood (Luke xxii. 44); His head is crowned with thorns; His lips taste the bitter myrrh; His hands and His feet are pierced with nails (Ps. xxii. 17); His side is lacerated with the spear; His whole body is scourged and stretched upon the cross. Ah! He suffered hunger, thirst, cold, contempt, poverty, insult, wounds, and the awful death of the cross. But oh, how unseemly it would be that the Lord should suffer thus, while the servant lives in undisturbed joy! Oh, how unseemly it would be that our Saviour should be severely punished for our sins, and we should continue to take delight in them! How unjust it would

– VIII: The Certainty of Our Salvation, Repristination Press, p. 45-46)

Catechism - Table of Duties: Children: Eph 6:1-3



Otttheinrich Bible 1430 (I:81) Lord's Supper

Collect for Pentecost

O God, Who taught the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, bring us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

Amen

Pentecost Tuesday

#45 VIII: The Certainty of Our Salvation, Part 2: My Creator can restore my soul, if only He is willing so to do; and certainly He is willing, for who can hate the work of his own hands? Are we not before Him as clay in the hands of the potter (Jer. xviii. 6)? But if He had hated me, certainly He would not have created me from nothing. He is the Saviour of all men, especially of those that believe (1 Tim. iv. 10). It is wonderful that He created me, and still more wonderful that He redeemed me. Never did our Lord give a clearer proof of His great love for us than in His bitter passion and bleeding wounds on Calvary in our behalf. Truly are we loved, since for us and our salvation the only begotten Son is sent from the bosom of the Father. And if Thou didst not desire to save me, O Lord Jesus, why didst Thou descend from heaven? But Thou didst descend to the earth and didst become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Phil. ii. 8). To redeem a servant, God spared not His own Son (Rom. viii. 32). Truly hath God loved the world with an unspeakable love, since for its redemption He delivered up His own Son to be smitten, to be crucified, to be put to death. (Gerhard's Sacred Meditations – VIII: The Certainty of Our Salvation, Repristination Press, p. 46)

Ember Days

#46 VIII: The Certainty of Our Salvation, part 3: Inexpressibly great was the price of our redemption (1 Peter i. 18); great and marvelous, then, is the mercy of God in our redemption. It would almost seem to one as if God loves His elect children as dearly as He loves His only-begotten Son; for what we obtain by purchase we certainly esteem of greater value than that which we give in exchange for it. And that He might have adopted sons, God did not spare His own co-essential Son. What marvel then, that He should have prepared mansions (John xiv. 2) in His heavenly home for us, since He has given His own Son, in whom is all the fulness of the Godhead (Col. ii. 9). Certainly where the fulness of the Godhead is, there is likewise the fulness of eternal life and glory. And if in Christ He hath given the fulness of eternal life, how will He deny us a little particle of it? Truly God has greatly loved us, His adopted sons, since for us He gave His only-begotten Son. Truly the Son has greatly loved us, since for us He gave Himself. To make us rich, He

Collect for Trinity Five

O God, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward Thee that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:36) Jesus in Boat Matthew 8:23-27

Week of Trinity Five: July 20 – July 26, 2025

Psalm 119 5th part (7 He v.33-40) / Psalm 113

Hymn – “My Inmost Heart Now Raises” (ASBH #43)

Daily Readings –

20 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Five 1 Kings 19:11-21, 1Corinthians 1:18-25, Luke 5:1-11	
21 Monday	Romans 4:1-25	1 Samuel 17:1-58
22 Tuesday 10:30 AM	Romans 5:1-6:2	1 Samuel 18:1-21
23 Wednesday 6:30 PM	St. Mary Magdalene Romans 6:12-28 1 Samuel 19:1-24 Catechesis on Matthew 5:17-26	
24 Thursday	Romans 7:1-25	1 Samuel 20:1-42
25 Friday 10:30 AM	Romans 2:1-29	1 Samuel 22:1-23
26 Saturday	St. James, the Elder 1 Kings 19:9-18, Rom 8:28-39, Matt 20:20-28 Romans 13:1-7 1 Samuel 24:1-22	

#52 IX: Loving God Alone, part 5: The love of God is life and rest to our souls; when the soul departs through death the body dies; but when God departs from the soul through sin, the soul dies. On the other hand, “God dwells in our hearts by faith” (Eph. iii. 17); He dwells in our souls by love, because the love of God is shed abroad in the hearts of the elect by the Holy Spirit (Rom. v. 5). There is no peace of mind without the love of God. The world and the devil are its greatest sources of trouble, but God is its true and highest rest. There is no peace of conscience except to those who are justified by faith; there is no true love of God except in those who have a childlike trust in God. Therefore let the love of ourselves, the love of the world, the love of the creature, die in us, that the love of God may dwell in us; and may God begin that love in us in this life, that He may perfect it in life eternal. (Gerhard’s Sacred Meditations – IX: Loving God Alone, Repristination Press, p. 54)

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took upon Himself the direst poverty; for He had not where to lay His head (Matt. viii. 20). That He might make us the sons of God, He became a man; and the work of redemption being finished, He does not now neglect us, but sitting at the right hand of the Divine Majesty, He there maketh intercession for us (Rom. viii. 34). What that is necessary to my salvation will He not accomplish for me, since He hath devoted Himself to the work of my eternal salvation? What will the Father deny the Son, who became obedient to Him unto death, even the death of the cross (Phil. ii. 8)? What will the Father deny the Son, since He hath already accepted the ransom offered by the Son? (Gerhard’s Sacred Meditations – VIII: The Certainty of Our Salvation, Repristination Press, p. 46-47)



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:2) The Lord Praying in the Garden

Week of Trinity Sunday: June 15-21, 2025

Psalm 67, 8, 148 / 115, 143

Hymn – “We All Believe in One True God” (ASBH #38)

Daily Readings –

15 Sunday <i>Father's Day</i> 10:15 AM	David Henkel, Pastor & Confessor The Holy Trinity Isaiah 6:1-7, Romans 11:33-36, John 3:1-17	
16 Monday	Acts 3:1-21	Joshua 1:1-18
17 Tuesday	Acts 4:1-37	Joshua 3:1-17
18 Wednesday	Acts 5:1-42	Joshua 4: 1-24
	No Catechesis	
19 Thursday	Acts 6:1-15	Joshua 6:1-27
20 Friday	Acts 7:1-60	Joshua 8:1-35
21 Saturday	Acts 8:1-40	Joshua 9:1-27

#47 VIII: The Certainty of Our Salvation, part 4: What if my sins accuse me; in this Intercessor do I trust; greater is He who is for me than my sins that are against me. What if my very weakness terrifies me; in His strength do I glory. What if Satan accuses me, if only this Mediator shall pardon me. What if the heavens and the earth accuse me and mine iniquities declare my guilt; yet it is enough for me that the Creator of the heavens and of the earth and He who is righteousness itself pleads my cause for me. It suffices for me to have Him propitious to me. His merit, because mine will not suffice, suffices enough for me, and the satisfaction of the Beloved One, the Creator of the believers, suffices for me. If I were not so ardently burdened with sin, I should not so ardently desire His righteousness: if I were not sick, I would not call in the aid of the physician. He Himself is my Physician (Matt. ix. 12); He Himself is my Saviour (Matt. i. 21); He Himself is my Righteousness (1 Cor. i. 30). He cannot deny Himself, since I am spiritually sick, I am condemned; I am a sinner, I cannot deny myself. Have mercy upon me, O Thou my blessed Physician, my Saviour, my Righteousness. Amen! (Gerhard's Sacred Meditations – VIII: The Certainty of Our Salvation, Repristination Press, p. 47-48)

faith unless it be also an unwavering trust, and such a trust is impossible without the love of God. A benefit is not recognized for which thanks are not rendered; we are not truly thankful to Him whom we do not love. If thy faith is genuine it will recognize the great benefits conferred by Christ, thy Redeemer; aye, it will recognize and render thanks; it will render thanks and it will love Him. (Gerhard's Sacred Meditations – IX: Loving God Alone, Repristination Press, p. 52-53)

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Collect for Trinity Four

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; 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:37) Demon Possessed Pigs Matthew 9

Week of Trinity Four: July 13 - 19, 2025

Psalm 119 4th part (7 Daleth v.25-32) / Psalm 92

Hymn – “Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Highest Good!” (ASBH #42)

Daily Readings –

13 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Four Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 12:14-21 Luke 6:36-42	
14 Monday	Acts 27:1-44	1 Samuel 9:1-27
15 Tuesday	Acts 28:1-31	1 Samuel 10:1-27
16 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Romans 1:1-15	1 Samuel 12:1-25
	Catechesis on Luke 5:1-11	
17 Thursday	Romans 1:16-32	1 Samuel 13:1-14
18 Friday	Romans 2:1-29	1 Samuel 15:1-35
19 Saturday	Romans 3:1-31	1 Samuel 16:1-23

#51 IX: Loving God Alone, part 4: What thy love is, that thou art; because thy love changes thee into itself; love is the very strongest bond, because the lover and the object loved become one. What is it that has joined together a righteous God and lost sinners, so infinitely removed from each other? Infinite love. And that the righteousness of God might not be rendered of no effect Christ interposed His infinite ransom. What is it, moreover, that unites those so far separated from each other, as God the Almighty Creator and a believing soul, the work of His hands? Love. In Heaven we shall be united to God in the very highest degree. Why? Because we shall love Him in the very highest degree. Love unites and transforms; if thou lovest carnal things, thou art carnal; if thou lovest earthly things, thou shalt become earthly. But flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Cor. xv. 50). If thou lovest God and divine things, thou shalt become divine. The love of God is the chariot of Elijah ascending to heaven. The love of God is the delight of the mind, the paradise of the soul; it destroys the power of the world, conquers the devil, shuts the mouth of hell, and opens wide the gate of heaven. The love of God is the seal of God upon His elect and believing children (Rev. vii. 3). God will not acknowledge as His own in the last judgment, those who are not sealed with this seal. For faith itself, which is the sole means of our justification and salvation, is not genuine unless it shows itself by love (Gal. v. 6); it is not true

Catechism - Table of Duties:

To Workers of All Kinds: Eph. 6:5–8

To Employers and Supervisors: Eph. 6:9



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:5) Jesus is Sentenced

Collect for The Holy Trinity

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the Eternal Trinity and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; Who livest and reignest, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Week of Trinity One: June 22 - 28, 2025

Psalm 119, 1st part (§ Aleph v.1-8) / Psalm 34

Hymn – “From God Shall Naught Divide Me” (ASBH #39)

Presentation of AC, Hymn – “My Church! My Church! (ASBH #90)

Daily Readings –

22 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity One Genesis 15:1-6, 1 John 4:16-21, Luke 16:19-31	
23 Monday	Acts 9:1-43	Joshua 10:1-5
24 Tuesday 10:30 AM	Acts 10:1-33	Joshua 11:1-23
	Nativity of St. John the Baptist Malachi 3:1-4, Isaiah 40:1-5, Luke 1:57-80	
25 Wednesday 10:30 AM	Acts 11:1-30	Joshua 23:1-16
	The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession Isaiah 55:6-11, Romans 10:5-17, John 15:1-11	
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Luke 14:15-24	
26 Thursday	Acts 12:1-25	Joshua 24:1-31
27 Friday	Acts 13:1-52	Judges 2:1-23
28 Saturday	Acts 14:1-28	Judges 6:1-40

#48 IX: Loving God Alone, part 1: May Love Bind Thee Fast to the Lord.

Rouse thyself, O faithful soul, and love thou Him who is the Highest Good, in whom is every good thing, and without whom there is nothing truly good. No created thing can really satisfy our souls' desires, for no creature possesses all of perfect good in itself, but only that good in which it participates. A rivulet of goodness from the divine fountain may flow down to it from above, but the fountain itself always remains in God. Why then should we desire to leave the fountain and follow the rivulet? Every manifestation of good in the creature is but an image of the perfect goodness which is in God, nay, which is God Himself. Why then should we desire to leave the reality to grasp the image? The dove sent out from Noah's ark could not find, amid the raging waters, a place of rest for her feet (Gen. viii. 8). Thus our souls, amid the vast multitude of earthly comforts, can find nothing to satisfy fully their immortal desires, because these things are so very frail and fleeting in character. Does not that man do himself injury who loves anything beneath the dignity of his nature? Our souls are far more noble than any created thing because

Good, if we do not love it, if we do not desire it, if we do not seek it? (Gerhard's Sacred Meditations – IX: Loving God Alone, Repristination Press, p. 51-52)

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: The First Commandment

Collect for Trinity Three

O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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 (III:37) The Lost Son Luke 15:11-32

Week of Trinity Three: July 6 - 12, 2025

Psalm 119 3rd part (2 Gimel v.17-24) / Psalm 25

Hymn – “In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord” (ASBH #41)

Presentation of AC, Hymn – “My Church! My Church! (ASBH #90)

Daily Readings –

6 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Three Micah 7:18-20, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10	
7 Monday	Acts 21:1-39	1 Samuel 2:1-21
8 Tuesday	Acts 21:40-22:29	1 Samuel 3:1-21
9 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Acts 22:30-23:35	1 Samuel 4:1-22
	Catechesis on Luke 6:36-42	
10 Thursday	Acts 24:1-27	1 Samuel 5:1-12
11 Friday	Acts 25:1-27	1 Samuel 7:1-17
12 Saturday	Acts 26:1-32	1 Samuel 8:1-22

#50 IX: Loving God Alone, part 3: He loved us when we had fallen into sin; for it is because of His divine love, that He does not instantly deliver us over to death, when we transgress against Him, but patiently awaits our conversion. It is because of His divine love that above what we deserve, aye, even in very opposition to our just deserts, He is leading us to His heavenly mansions. Without the love of God never couldst thou come to a saving knowledge of God. Without that love all knowledge would be worthless; nay more, it would be harmful to thee. Why does love exceed the knowledge of all mysteries (1 Cor. xiii. 2)? Because the latter may be found even in the devil, but the former only in the godly. Why is the devil the most unhappy being? Because he cannot love the Highest Good. Why is God, on the other hand, the most happy and blessed of all beings? Because He loves all things, and takes delight in all the works of His own hands. Why is the love of God not perfected in us in this life? Simply because we love only as we know; and in this life we know only in part, and as in a riddle (1 Cor. xiii. 12). In heaven we shall be perfectly happy, because we shall love God perfectly, and we shall love Him perfectly because we shall know Him perfectly. But no one may cherish a hope of loving God perfectly in the future life, who does not begin to love Him in this life. The Kingdom of God must begin in the heart of man in this life, or it will never be consummated in the life that is to come. Without the love of God we have no desire for eternal life; and how then can we become sharers of that highest

redeemed by the passion and death of God. Why then should we stoop to love the creature? Would not that be inconsistent with the dignity to which God has exalted the human soul? Whatever we love, we love because of its power, its wisdom, or its beauty. Now what is more powerful, what is wiser, what is more beautiful, than God? All the power of earthly monarchs is from Him and is subject to Him; all human wisdom, compared with the divine, is foolishness; all creature beauty in comparison with God's is absolute deformity. (Gerhard's Sacred Meditations – IX: Loving God Alone, Repristination Press, p. 49-50)



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:40) The Rich Man & Lazarus Luke 16:19-31

Catechism - Table of Duties: Youth 1 Peter 5:5-6, Widows 1 Tim 5:5-6, Everyone Rom 13:9, 1 Tim 2:1

Collect for Trinity One

O God, the Strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace that in keeping Thy Commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Week of Trinity Two: June 29 – July 5, 2025

Psalm 119 2nd part (☐ Beth v.9-16) / Psalm 28

Hymn – “The Mouth of Fools Doth God Confess” (ASBH #40)

Daily Readings –

29 Sunday 8:00 AM	Matins on SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles Ezekiel 34:7-16, Acts 12:1-11, Matthew 16:13-20	
10:15 AM	Trinity Two Proverbs 9:1-10, Eph 2:13-22, Luke 14:15-24	
30 Monday	Acts 15:1-41	Judges 7:1-25
1 Tuesday	Acts 16:1-40	Judges 13:1-25
2 Wednesday	Acts 17:1-15	Judges 14:1-20
10:30 AM	Visitation of Our Lord Zephaniah 3:14-17, Isaiah 11:1-5, Luke 1:39-56	
6:30 PM	Catechesis on St. Luke 15:1-10	
3 Thursday	Acts 18:1-28	Judges 15:1-20
4 Friday	Acts 19:1-41	Judges 16:4-31
<i>Independence Day</i>		
5 Saturday	Acts 20:1-38	1 Samuel 1:1-28

#49 IX: Loving God Alone, part 2: If a very powerful earthly sovereign were to send his messengers to seek in marriage a maiden of humble birth and fortune, would not that maiden act very foolishly to reject the hand of the king, and take up with his messengers and servants instead? And God, through the beauty of the works of His own hands, desires to call me to Himself and to incite me to love Him alone; why then should my soul, which Christ the heavenly Bridegroom seeks to unite to Himself, cling to a mere creature, as the messenger of this spiritual union which He desires to make with me? These creatures themselves exclaim, “Why dost thou cling so fondly to us? Why dost thou seek thy highest good in us? We cannot satisfy thy longings. Haste thee to our common Creator.” We dare not hope that the things of earth will reciprocate our love; nor do they first love us; but God, who is love (1 John iv. 16), cannot but love those who love Him; nay more, He even anticipates all our desires and all our love with His own love. Ah! how much then ought we love Him who first so dearly loved us. He loved us before we had any being, for it is because of His divine love that we were born into the world. He loved us when we were yet enemies (Rom. v. 10); for it is because of His divine love and compassion that He sent His Son to

redeem us. (Gerhard’s Sacred Meditations – IX: Loving God Alone, Repristination Press, p. 50-51)

Catechism - Daily Prayers: Morning and Evening, Before and After Meals

Collect for Trinity Two

O Lord, Who never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy 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.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:34) The Great Banquet Luke 14:15-24