

Prayer for Saturday.

231. Jesus Christ, Son of God, let me this day again commend unto Thee my body and soul, and, at last, when I depart from this vale of sorrow, grant me a blessed departure that I may appear faultless and pure in Thy holy sight, and permitted to hear Thy joyous voice saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Ever faithful Father in heaven, It lieth not in the compass of my power or might sufficiently to thank and praise Thee for all Thy goodness which Thou hast shown unto me all my life, even down to this moment, for I am mere flesh and blood which can do no good thing. Without measure, Thou causest Thy grace to abound to me daily, and if Thou hadst not been my stay and shield this night, Satan's power had harmed me much, that I could not have risen again in health. By Thy gracious guardianship I have been wholly defended, and I beseech Thee most heartily to let Thy grace abound to me ward this day, and graciously defend me, Thy child, by the price of Christ's blood, henceforth unto everlasting life. Amen. Lord Jesus, receive my soul into Thy hands, and let it be commended unto Thee. Amen.

(Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 387-388)

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Trinity 11 - End of Church Year 2025



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Trumpets Around the Throne in Revelation 8

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Our Family Daily Prayers – 2025

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Week of Trinity Eleven: August 31 - September 6, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

31 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Eleven 2 Samuel 22:21-29, 1 Corinthians 15:1-10, Luke 18:9-14	
1 Monday <i>Labor Day</i>	Ephesians 6:18-24	1 Kings 16:29-17:24
2 Tuesday	Philippians 1:12-2:4	1 Kings 18:1-46
3 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Philippians 2:19-30	1 Kings 19:1-21
	Catechesis on St. Mark 7:31-37	
4 Thursday	Philippians 3:1-11	1 Kings 21:1-29
5 Friday	Philippians 4:1-3	1 Kings 22:51-2 Kgs 1:17
6 Saturday	Philippians 4:8-23	2 Kings 2:1-25

#58 Part I of II: The Allegory Explaining Deuteronomy 21:10ff:

In **Deuteronomy 21:10ff.**, God gave His people this commandment: “If you see a beautiful woman among the captives and you want to take her as your wife, bring her into your house, let her hair be shaven and her nails trimmed, and her clothes in which she was taken captive laid aside, and let her sit in your house and mourn her father and her mother for one month. Then sleep with her and marry her and let her be your wife.”

Along with the fact that the Lord God wanted to use these various ceremonies in order to prevent the Israelites from entering into marriage with foreigners and idol worshipers lightly, there is an excellent type, or rather, **an allegory presented to us in this ceremonial law**. For the captive foreign woman stands for the soul of a sinner, which is a “foreigner and outside of the city and people of God” (Eph. 2:12). It is also captive in the kingdom of the devil (Col. 1:13). If she (that is, the soul) figuratively becomes pledged in marriage to Christ, the heavenly Bridegroom, then she must **first allow herself to be washed and purified by true repentance**.

She must “lay aside her clothing in which she was taken captive,” that is, she must “**take off the old man**” (Eph. 4:22) and “despise the stained garment of the flesh” (Jude 23).

She must “let her hair and nails be trimmed”; that is, she must lay aside the evil lusts of the flesh, especially haughtiness and greed, which are understood by the hair and nails, and **she must undergo a spiritual circumcision of the heart** (Deu. 30:6). (Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard consisting of 15 sermons for Saints Days and other festivals, Repristination Press, page 106)

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

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: The 6th Commandment



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:30) Feeding the Four Thousand Mk 8:1-10

Week of Trinity Twelve: September 7-13, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

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

#59 Part II: Allegory Explaining Deuteronomy 21:10ff:

Finally, she must also “mourn her father and mother,” that is, she must **grieve with fervent tears** that, until now, she has followed her father, the devil, and her adulterous mother, this world, into **sin**. This mourning should last, not only for a month, but **for the whole time of her life**.

On the other hand, she must now **learn to love her new Bridegroom**. Then Christ will marry her. For He is the one who said about Himself in Matthew 9:13 that He has come as the heavenly Physician “to call sinners to repentance.” That is, He wants to be the Physician of the sick, the Life of the dead, the Shepherd of the wanderer, the Light of the blind, the Salvation of the sinner, and yet in such a way that they do not remain in sins but get up and hasten to Christ through repentance. For this is the way in which He calls sinners to Himself. Christ is the Physician, to be sure; but the sickness must be acknowledged, and the help of the Physician must be sought. Christ is the Life, to be sure; but one must hear His voice, by which the dying are made alive (John 5:25). Christ is the Shepherd, to be sure; but the wandering sheep must allow himself to be picked up and carried to the flock (Luke 15:5). Christ is the Light, to be sure; but one must get up from the sleep of sin. Then He will enlighten us (Eph. 5:14). Christ is the Salvation, to be sure; but He must be grasped with steadfast faith (1 Tim. 1:14).

The **previously read Gospel** {Luke 7:36-50} pertains to this, for in it the true and earnest repentance of a poor, very sinful woman is

described, along with how she thereby obtained God’s grace, the forgiveness of sins, and eternal life with Christ. (Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 106-107)

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: The 7th Commandment

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.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:37)

“Let the Little Children Come to Me” - Mark 10:13-16

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Week of Trinity Thirteen: September 14-20, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

14 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Thirteen Leviticus 18:1-5, Gal 3:15-22, Lk 10:23-37	
15 Monday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	2 Kings 10:1-36
16 Tuesday	1 Timothy 1:1-20	2 Chron. 22:1-12
17 Wednesday 8:00 AM	1 Timothy 2:1-15	2 Chron. 23:1-21
6:30 PM	Matins on Ember Wednesday in September Amos 9:13-15, Nehemiah 8:1-10, Mark 9:16-28	
	Catechesis on Luke 17:11-19	
18 Thursday	1 Timothy 3:1-16	2 Chron. 24:1-27
19 Friday No service	1 Timothy 4:1-16	2 Kings 14:1-29
	Ember Friday in September Hosea 14:2-10, Luke 7:36-50	
20 Saturday No service	1 Timothy 5:1-25	2 Kings 15:1-38
	Ember Saturday in September Hebrews 9:2-12, Luke 13:6-17	

#60 Although All Men Are Sinners, Not All Sins Are Equal And Alike

{In Luke 7:36-50} A Pharisee by the name of Simon had invited the Lord Jesus to eat with him. This invitation was not issued from a true and upright heart or with good intentions, but in order to find something to criticize (Psa. 41:7). But Christ triumphed by His patience with His enemies' evil intent, and by His wisdom He shattered their cunning. So He gladly engages with this hostile host and sits down at his table.

And look! There was a sinful woman in the city. And when she learned that He was dining at the Pharisee's house, she went there, too. When it says that this woman was a sinful woman, it is to be understood that **she had previously been living in open sin and shame** and had allowed a spirit of harlotry to captivate her and lead her astray. For **although all men are sinners before the Lord** God, as Christ demonstrates in the parable of this Gospel, **not all sins are equal and alike**. This is why the Scriptures especially call them sinners who plunge themselves into outward, crass sins, from an evil intention, without any shame before God or the world, who stubbornly persist in such things and give public offense to others. Genesis 15:13, “The people of Sodom were evil and sinned greatly against the Lord.” Genesis 18:20, “The outcry in Sodom is great, and their sins are very serious.” Therefore, the tax collectors and sinners are placed side by

side as wicked people (Mat. 18:17, Luke 15:1). The woman in the Gospel had also previously been just such a public, contemptible sinner. But when she heard that Christ rebuked sins so harshly and zealously, while at the same time promising grace to all the poor, miserable sinners who repented, her heart was transformed by the cooperating power of the Spirit. (Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 107-108)

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



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:20)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10

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Week of Trinity Fourteen: September 21-27, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

21 Sunday	8:00 AM	Matins on St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Proverbs 3:1-6, Ephesians 4:7-16, Matthew 9:9-13	
	10:15 AM	Trinity Fourteen Jeremiah 17:13-14, Galatians 5:16-24, Luke 17:11-19	
22 Monday		1 Timothy 6:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-13
23 Tuesday		2 Timothy 1:1-18	Amos 7:7-17
24 Wednesday		2 Timothy 2:1-26	2 Kings 16:1-20
	6:00 PM	No Catechesis - Bishop James Heiser Visitation	
25 Thursday		Titus 1:1-16	2 Kings 17:1-23
26 Friday		Titus 2:1-10	2 Kings 18:1-37
27 Saturday		Titus 2:15-3:3	2 Kings 19:1-37

#61 The Sinful Woman Experienced Genuine Contrition And Grief

{In Luke 7:36-50} Therefore, with a heart hungry for grace, with a thirsty soul, with the longing of faith, she hurried to Christ. She became hostile to her former sins. She experienced genuine contrition and grief. But she had a believing trust and a fervent love for Christ, as she testified with outward actions. For when she came to Christ in the Pharisee's home, she brought a jar of oil and costly perfume and knelt down at His feet.

She was hesitant to appear before Christ's holy sight. Until that moment, she had been turned away from God through sin, and so she now also turned away from the sight of men. She began to weep bitterly. Her heart was troubled and oppressed, causing tears to flow from her eyes, and to flow so freely that even Christ's feet were wetted with them. Then she dried Christ's feet with her own hair. She made her hair, with which she had formerly made herself beautiful, into a foot cloth and a wash towel. She also kissed Christ's feet out of true humility, considering herself unworthy to kiss His hands. Finally, she anointed Christ's feet with the costly perfume, considering herself unworthy to anoint Christ's head with it, as was otherwise customary in the East.

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 108)

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.**

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



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VII:25)

Lepers Cleansed in Luke 17:11-19

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Week of Trinity Fifteen: September 28-October 4, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

28 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Fifteen Deut. 6:4-7, Galatians 5:25-6:10, Matthew 6:24-34	
29 Monday No service	Titus 3:8-15	2 Kings 20:1-21
	St. Michael and All Angels Daniel 12:1-3, Revelation 12:7-12, Matthew 18:1-11	
30 Tuesday	Philemon 1-25	2 Kings 21:1-26
1 Wednesday	Hebrews 1:1-14	2 Chron. 34:1-33
	No Catechesis	
2 Thursday	Hebrews 2:5-3:6	2 Chron. 35:20-36:10
3 Friday	Hebrews 4:14-5:14	Jeremiah 22:1-30
4 Saturday	Hebrews 6:1-20	Jeremiah 25:1-14

#62 Church Discipline Had Come Into Disuse; Idolatry and Adultery Go Hand-in-Hand

From this we now see: 1. How, at that time, **church discipline among the people of God had come into disuse**, and the divine ordinance had been almost completely forgotten.

The Lord God had given an earnest command in Deuteronomy 23:17, “No harlot should be found among the daughters of Israel.” But we hear in this text about a woman who was **a well-known sinner**. In John 8:3, they bring a woman to the Lord Christ who was caught in open adultery, and their first question was what they should do with her, as if God’s commandment had been entirely buried.

This all came from the deception and seduction of the devil. He had not only seduced God’s people at that time into **idolatry, which is spiritual adultery**, but had also popularized among them the sins of harlotry and adultery, even as spiritual and physical harlotry are often found together, **the defilement of the soul** through false teaching and **the defilement of the body** through unchastity, zeal for idolatry, and the evil burning for harlotry.

Even as it was before the first coming of Christ that, among many other sins, harlotry and adultery were particularly in vogue, so it also goes now before the second coming of Christ, where the horrible, awful sins against the Sixth Commandment threaten to come crashing in like a flood, spurred on by the fact that **such sins are not punished with just and proper zeal by the government**. Just as the Sodomites were burning with lust when their downfall was right at the door, so that they had to be burned up with

fire and brimstone from heaven (Gen. 18), so also will similar sodomite sins be running rampant when heaven and earth are about to be burned up with fire (2 Pet. 3:10).

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 108-109)

Catechism - The Close of the Commandments

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 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.**



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Week of Trinity Sixteen: October 5-11, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

5 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Sixteen Deut. 32:39-40, Ephesians 3:13-21, Luke 7:11-17	
6 Monday	Hebrews 7:1-28	Jeremiah 37:1-21
7 Tuesday	Hebrews 8:1-13	Jeremiah 38:1-28
8 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Hebrews 9:1-10	Jeremiah 32:1-44
	Catechesis on Luke 14:1-11	
9 Thursday	Hebrews 9:16-28	Jeremiah 39:1-18
10 Friday	Hebrews 10:1-34	Jeremiah 29:1-23
11 Saturday	Hebrews 11:1-7	Daniel 1:1-21

#63 Harlotry Is A Sin Against God, His Law, The Neighbor, and One's Own Body

2. But we also have to consider here what a **horribly great sin harlotry is**.

For thereby **one sins first against God**, who is a holy, pure, unspotted Being who is genuinely hostile toward all impurity.

Second, **one sins against God's Law**, wherein every form of adultery is forbidden with great zeal. Christ explains this in Matthew 5:28, that even shameful words, sexually immoral actions, and inner lust are to be understood with the word “adultery.”

Third, **one sins against one's neighbor**, to whom offense is given in this way. And as it says, “Woe to the man through whom offense comes” (Mat. 18:7).

Finally, **a man also sins against his own body** with adultery and harlotry. He damages the temple of the Holy Spirit and turns Christ's members into the members of a harlot (2 Cor. 6:15). That must be a terribly great sin indeed!

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 109-110)

Catechism - The Apostles' Creed, First Article & Meaning

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.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:7)
Jesus Raises the Widow's Son in Luke 7:11-17

Week of Trinity Seventeen: October 12-18, 2025

Psalm 119, 17th part (5 Pe v.129-136) / 56

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

Daily Readings –

12 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Seventeen 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Ephesians 4:1-6, Luke 14:1-11	
13 Monday <i>Columbus Day</i>	Hebrews 11:17-40	Daniel 3:1-30
14 Tuesday	Hebrews 12:1-17	Daniel 4:1-37
15 Wednesday 6:00 PM	Hebrews 13:1-25	Daniel 5:1-30
16 Thursday	James 1:1-15	Daniel 5:31-6:28
17 Friday No service	James 2:1-13	Ezra 1:1-11
18 Saturday 7:00 PM	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr Romans 8:35-39, John 12:24-26	
	James 2:14-26	Ezra 3:1-13
	Vespers on St. Luke, Evangelist Isaiah 35:5-8, 2 Tim 4:5-15, Lk 10:1-9	

#64 Believers Strive For Holiness and Purity

For this reason, **the sexually immoral and adulterers are expressly excluded from God’s kingdom** (1 Cor. 6:9–10, Gal. 5:19ff., Rev. 21:8, Rev. 22:15). The Lord God often begins to address these sins with temporal punishments already in this life. So if we want Christ, the Son of the pure Virgin Mary, to dwell in our hearts (Eph. 3:17), then we must be hostile to all shameful words and deeds. If we want the holy angels, those pure spirits, to be with us, then we must strive for true chastity. If we wish to be the temples and dwellings of the Holy Spirit, then surely we must not sin against our own bodies with harlotry. If we wish to see God face to face in eternal life, then we must strive for holiness and purity, for “without holiness no one will see the Lord” (Heb. 12:14). If we ever wish to enter the heavenly Jerusalem, then we must guard ourselves from all contamination of body and spirit, for nothing common or impure can enter the heavenly Jerusalem (Rev. 21:8).

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 110)

Catechism – The Apostles’ Creed, Second Article & Meaning

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 (III:32)

The Places of Honor in Luke 14:7-14

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Week of Trinity Eighteen: October 19-25, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

19 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Eighteen Deut 10:12-21, 1 Cor 1:4-9, Matthew 22:34-46	
20 Monday	James 3:1-18	Ezra 4:1-24
21 Tuesday	James 4:1-5:6	Haggai 1:1-15
22 Wednesday 6:30 PM	James 5:12-20	Ezra 5:1-17
	Catechesis on Matthew 9:1-8	
23 Thursday	1 Peter 3:1-7	Ezra 6:1-22
24 Friday	1 Peter 3:15-22	Ezra 7:1-28
25 Saturday	1 Peter 5:1-5	Ezra 8:31-9:15

#65 A Mirror of True Repentance, An Example for Us

3. In addition, we have here a mirror of **true repentance**, that it **changes the whole man and makes an entirely new man out of him**. This woman was formerly insolent and proud; but now she has humbled herself to the point that she approaches Christ meekly and kisses His feet. She formerly lived in the lust of the flesh and in the sensuality of the wicked world; now she sheds humble tears from a contrite heart. She formerly misused her eyes for vanity, pursuing the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and a proud life (1 John 2:16). Now she turns these eyes of hers into wellsprings of tears. She formerly used her hair to make herself glamorous; now she uses it as a foot towel. She formerly ignored her own dignity for something trivial; now she pours out precious, costly perfume on Christ’s feet. She formerly permitted all sorts of foul and filthy prattle to come out of her mouth; now she kisses Christ’s feet.

Yes, this is a **true mirror of repentance**, presented as **an example for us all**. For repentance is incongruous with a laughing mouth; it is rather a rending of the heart (Joel 2:13), a breaking and a crushing of the heart (Psa. 51:19), a distress of the spirit (Psa. 143:4), as such descriptions are found all over the Psalms, that a man feels inner distress of the heart, humbles himself deeply before God and His judgment on account of his sins, and yet, there in the depths, he lays hold of Christ’s merit with true faith. Through such repentance, which is a **“regret that is not to be regretted”** (2 Cor. 7:10), a man

is entirely changed and renewed, so that he now highly disapproves of that which formerly pleased him; and that which he formerly hated he now holds dear. Where this is not the case, there true repentance of the heart has not yet taken place.

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 110-111)

Catechism – The Apostles’ Creed, Third Article & Meaning

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.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:27)

Jesus Walks on the Sea in Mark 6:45-52

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Week of Trinity Nineteen: October 26-November 1, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

26 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Nineteen Isaiah 44:21-23, Ephesians 4:22-28, Matthew 9:1-8	
27 Monday	1 John 1:1-10	Nehemiah 1:1-11
28 Tuesday 10:30 AM	1 John 2:1-17	Nehemiah 2:1-20
	Sts. Simon & Jude Dt 32:1-4, 1Pt 1:3-9, Jn 15:17-21	
29 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 John 5:1-3	Nehemiah 4:1-23
	Catechesis on Matthew 22:1-14	
30 Thursday	1 John 5:10-21	Nehemiah 8:1-18
31 Friday 10:30 AM	2 John 1-13	Nehemiah 9:1-38
	Reformation Day Is 55:1-11, Rev 14:6-7, Mt 11:12-15	
1 Saturday 7:00 PM	3 John 1-14	Zechariah 8:1-23
	All Saints Day Deuteronomy 33:1-3, Rev 7:2-17, Mt 5:1-12	

#66 Christ Sees Her Repentance and Faith; Simon Can See Her Fruits of Faith

In the second part of the Gospel {From Luke 7:36-50}, a beautiful parable is presented to us in which the Lord Christ defended Himself and this penitent sinful woman against the Pharisee and also **spoke the absolution to her**. For when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, He would know who and what kind of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.” He means as much as to say, **“The holy prophets could have seen in the Spirit even things that were invisible and hidden;** but since this Jesus does not see or know the sins of this woman, then He must not be a prophet. Since He even lets Himself be touched by such a great sinner, He must not be the Most High or the Messiah (Dan. 9:24).”

But **the Lord Christ answers him as an all-knowing Lord** who sees the thoughts of the heart, saying to him: “There was a lender,” that is, a rich man, “who had two debtors: the one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty. And since they had nothing with which to repay, he forgave them both. Now tell Me, which of them will love him more?” To which Simon the Pharisee answered, “I suppose, the one who was forgiven more.” Christ was pleased with this and said to him, “You have judged rightly.” At this point, He turned to the woman with a kind and friendly face and said to

Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You gave Me no water for My feet,” as was normally the custom (Gen. 18:4, 19:2; Jud. 19:21; John 13:5). “But she has wet My feet with her tears and dried them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss,” as good friends normally tended to welcome one another. “But since the moment I came in, this woman has not stopped kissing My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil,” or perfume, as was normally done with guests. “But this woman has anointed My feet with costly perfume. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins are forgiven, for she loved much.” She has definitively demonstrated by her deeds that she loves and honors Me more than you do, although you invited Me to be your guest. **And this love of hers is a fruit of faith, through which she has obtained the forgiveness of her onerous debt of sin.**

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 111-112)

Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The Introduction

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.**



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Jesus
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Week of Trinity Twenty: November 2-8, 2025

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

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

Daily Readings –

2 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Twenty Isaiah 65:1-2, Ephesians 5:15-21, Matthew 22:1-14	
3 Monday	Mark 4:1-41	Isaiah 43:1-13
4 Tuesday	Luke 13:18-35	Isaiah 41:1-20
5 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Matthew 13:31-58	Habakkuk 2:1-4
6 Thursday No Service	Catechesis on John 4:46-54 Matthew 16:13-20 Isaiah 63:7-19 Gustavus Adolphus, King and Confessor	
7 Friday	2 Corinthians 3:10-4:18	Isaiah 64:1-12
8 Saturday	2 Corinthians 5:1-21	Isaiah 5:1-7

#67 Repentance Is Necessary, For All Men In Common.

“But the one who is forgiven little loves little.” If a person does not recognize that he is loaded down with a great debt of sin and does not realize that he is in dire need of forgiveness for it, he also loves little. At this, **Christ turns to the woman and says to her, “Your sins are forgiven,” and with this comforting absolution** He assures her heart and conscience of the gracious forgiveness of sins. But the other table guests who were present said to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Does not that belong to the Lord God alone? Therefore, He says further to the woman, “Your faith has saved you,” by which you have grasped the evangelical promise about the forgiveness of sins. “Go in peace.”

From this, we learn **first**, that repentance is necessary, not only for those who fall into gross outward sins, but **for all men in common**. For Christ sets His heavenly Father before us in this parable as a rich Lord who has granted us all kinds of possessions and has summoned us to make an accounting. But we have incurred a debt which we are far too poor to pay off, as the parable expressly shows that even the one who owed only fifty denarii could not repay it. This is as much as to say: Not only those are debtors before God’s judgment who have committed outward sins, but also those who have sinned in their hearts have incurred a debt. In this situation, one person can boast as little as the next that he is debt-free, or that he has paid off his debt. This is why it says universally, **“They are all sinners; there is no difference here”** (Rom. 3:23).

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 112)

Catechism - The Lord’s Prayer, The First Petition

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.**



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Demon-Possessed Man Healed, Pigs Drown in Mark 5:1-20

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#68 The Heavenly Revealed Wisdom Does Not Harmonize With Their Carnal Wisdom - Reformation

When these seventy disciples returned with joy and brought Him a report of their work {Luke 10}, that even the devils were subjugated in the name of the Lord Christ, **Jesus rejoiced in spirit and burst forth with a joyful heart into this thanksgiving** and said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and clever and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.”

Here **Christ calls the Lord His Father**, since, according to His divine nature, He was begotten of Him from eternity (Psa. 2:7), wherefore Christ is His only-begotten, only, and most beloved Son (John 3:16). He also calls Him Lord of heaven and earth, since He not only created them and all their host in the beginning by means of His almighty Word, but still to this hour He powerfully preserves and rules them as a mighty Ruler, whose throne is heaven and whose footstool is the earth (Isa. 66:1).

The Lord Christ now gives thanks to this same One, to His heavenly Father and the Lord of all lords, that He has hidden the mystery of the Gospel from the wise and clever but has revealed it to infants. With “wise and clever” are understood the wise of this world; that is, those who are wise according to the flesh, as St. Paul calls them in 1 Corinthians 1:20, who place their worldly wisdom and carnal cleverness ahead of the heavenly wisdom that is revealed to us in the word of the Gospel. “They seek wisdom,” says the Apostle in the passage just cited. That is, they want the heavenly wisdom, set forth to us in the revealed Word, to harmonize with their own carnal wisdom. And when they do not find that such is the case, **they would rather allow the heavenly, divine wisdom to depart than to allow their worldly wisdom and reason to be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ** (2 Cor. 10:5), since the wisdom of this world is foolishness to the Lord God (1 Cor. 3:19).

(Sermon for St Matthias-February 24, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 49-50)

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.**

#69 Infants Are Those Who Seek Divine Wisdom in the Revealed Word -All Saints

The Lord God has hidden His wisdom from those who are wise according to the flesh; on the other hand, He has revealed it to infants. **Here Christ calls “infants”**

those who lend faith to God’s Word in childlike simplicity, who become obedient students of the heavenly wisdom, and who are glad to be fools in this world, as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:18, that they may be wise to God. The Lord God has revealed the knowledge of Him to those who are unwise and infants in the eyes of the world. He has revealed it not only outwardly, in the Word, as it is presented to all men, but also inwardly, in the spirit and in the heart. “Yes, Father,” says Christ further, “for so it was pleasing in Your sight.” It is altogether just, what happens to these wise and clever; if they are unwilling to lay aside their carnal wisdom, then they will also not come to the knowledge of the heavenly wisdom. This is God’s righteous judgment and His well-pleasing counsel. “Since the world, through its wisdom, did not know God in His wisdom, it pleased God, through foolish preaching, to save those who believe in it (1 Cor. 1:21), not as if He took pleasure in it when men perish, for He sees to it that they are all called through the Word. But if they are unwilling to follow, placing their carnal wisdom and desires ahead of His Word, then it certainly happens to them that the mysteries of divine wisdom remain hidden from them.

But in order **that we might know that we should seek divine wisdom only in the Word revealed to us by the Son**, Christ adds: “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father,” that is, just as the heavenly Father has delivered all things to Me as the Son of Man, having placed all authority in heaven and on earth and all creation under My feet (Psa. 8:7; Mat. 28:18; Eph. 1:22), so also to Me, as the appointed, sole Mediator, He has delivered this, that through the Word and the Spirit, I can and should give the true knowledge of God to men, enlighten their hearts, and be their only Master and Teacher. In this matter, nothing is accomplished with worldly wisdom. “No one knows the Son except for the Father, and no one knows the Father except for the Son.” That is, no man may come to the true knowledge of God by his natural powers, but it must be revealed by the Son, who is in the bosom of the Father (John 1:3). He alone knows the Father; therefore, He alone can also bring a person to the true, saving knowledge of God. By no means, however, is the Holy Spirit excluded thereby, for He is the One who is of one essence with the Father and the Son and who “searches the deep things of the divinity” (1 Cor. 2:10). (Sermon for St Matthias-February 24, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 50-51)

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.**

Week of Third-Last Sunday: November 9-15, 2025

Psalm 116 / 18 verses 20-31

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

Daily Readings –

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

#70 Our Debt is Great, Let Us Run to Christ for the Removal of Our Debts

Therefore, the Lord Christ commands all men, in every place, **to repent**. But when Christ here compares all sins with debts, as He also does in Matthew 6:12 in the Lord’s Prayer, where He calls them debts, He points us to the tablets of the divine Law, where it is written with eternal, indelible letters how much we have received from God and **how great is the debt we have incurred**. These tablets are made of stone; therefore, the debt is engraved deeply and permanently. Nor is the lender to whom we are indebted to be taken lightly. He has great power and gives close attention to the accounting. He places our “unknown sins in the light before His divine sight” (Psa. 90:8) and will hold a strict reckoning in due time (Mat. 18:34). Therefore, it is highly recommended that we come forth during the time of grace and humbly seek from Him **the removal of our debts through Christ**, take refuge in Christ, who has repaid them for us (Psa. 69:5) and has given His precious blood for us as the redemption price. With our own repayment, all is lost. We are indebted to the Lord God with all that we have. How, then, could we repay Him with it? **Let us run to Christ** with true faith, lay hold of His feet and not leave Him until He blesses us and absolves us from our debt of sin. And since there are so many things that

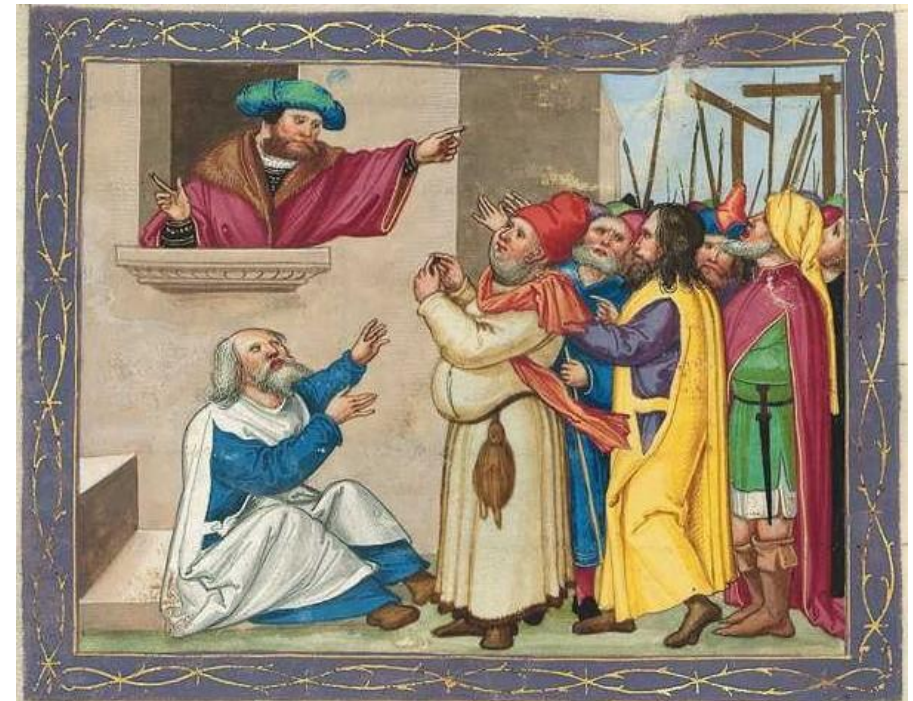
would drive us away from Christ or keep us from Him, let us cling to Him all the more tightly. He will speak to us kindly in the end.

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 112-113)

Catechism - The Lord’s Prayer, The Second 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 (III:62b)

Barabbas Takes Jesus’ Place, Jesus to be Crucified in Luke 23:13-25

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Week of Second-Last Sunday: November 16-22, 2025

Psalm 116 / 18 verses 20-31

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

Daily Readings –

16 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	
17 Monday	1 Peter 1:1-12	Zephaniah 3:9-20
18 Tuesday	1 Peter 1:13-2:10	Isaiah 34:1-17
19 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 Peter 4:1-7	Isaiah 35:1-10
	Catechesis on Matthew 25:1-13	
20 Thursday	1 Peter 4:12-19	Isaiah 54:1-17
21 Friday	2 Peter 1:1-15	Isaiah 60:7-22
22 Saturday	2 Peter 2:1-22	Isaiah 62:1-12

#71 Repentance unto Life means a Change of Life Follows

For this is, **second**, the fruit of true, sincere repentance, that by it we obtain forgiveness of sins and peace of conscience. This is why it is called **“repentance unto life”** (Acts 11:18), and “repentance and the forgiveness of sins” are placed together as pointing to one another (Luke 24:47, Acts 2:38). For true faith in Christ is also a part, and, to be sure, the chief part, of repentance, by which we are justified before God and our conscience is placed at ease. Romans 5:1, “Now that we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

When the heart, distressed by sin, grasps with true faith the promise of the forgiveness of sins that has been won for us by Christ, then peace and tranquility of conscience follow. Then a person tastes how friendly the Lord is (Psa. 34:9). **Yes, a beginning of eternal life is made, since this is nothing other than the fullness of joy in God.**

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 113)

Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The Third 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.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:63b)

Jesus is Sent to Cross in Luke 23:26-32

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Week of Last Sunday in Church Year: November 23-29, 2025

Psalm 111 / 18 verses 32-50

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

Daily Readings –

23 Sunday 10:15 AM	Last Sunday of the Church Year Isaiah 65:17-25, 1 Thess 5:1-11, Matthew 25:1-13	
24 Monday	2 Peter 3:1-18	Isaiah 65:17-25
25 Tuesday	Jude 1-25	Ezekiel 37:15-28
26 Wednesday 6:30 PM	1 John 2:18-29	Habakkuk 3:1-19
	Catechesis on Matthew 21:1-9	
27 Thursday 9:00 AM	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	
28 Friday	1 John 3:19-24	Jeremiah 14:7-9
29 Saturday	1 John 4:1-8	Malachi 3:7-18
7:00 PM	Church decorating for Advent, 6 PM – 7 PM	
	First Vespers for Advent	

#72 Repentance Brings a Love of Thankfulness for God

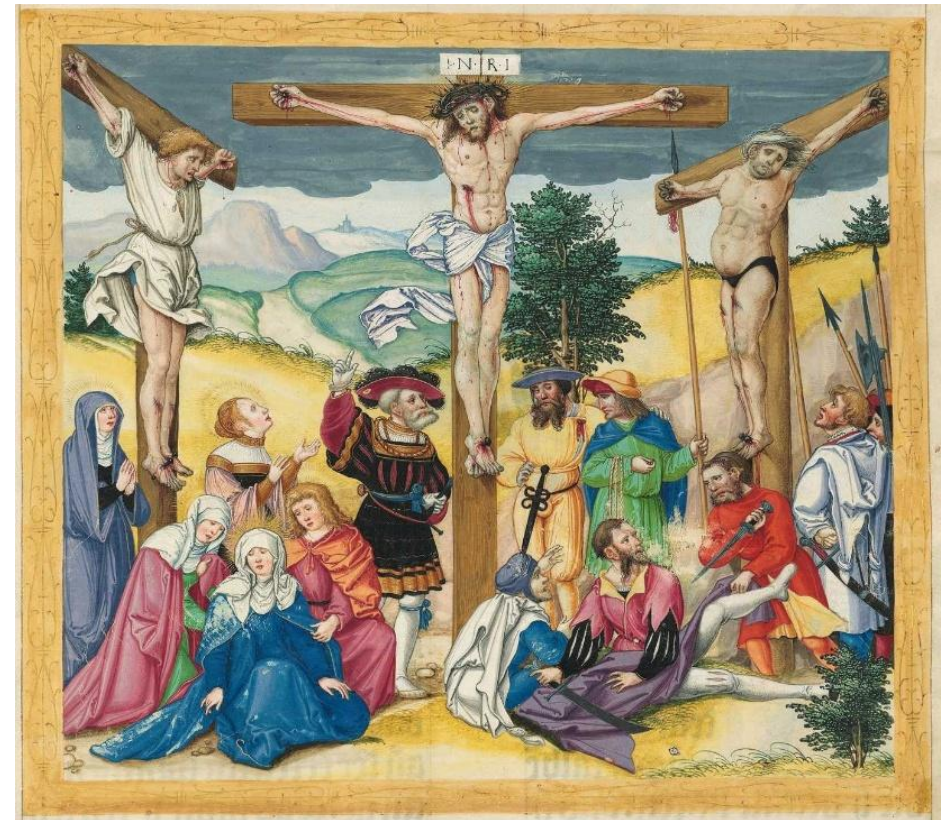
From this, **third**, springs forth a **genuine love for God**, as Christ says here, “Her many sins are forgiven, because she loved much.” For if anyone rightly considers and believes with the whole heart that the Lord God has removed his great debt of sin by grace, **he cannot help but love this faithful Father from the heart**. On the other hand, when we still think of God in our hearts as a harsh debt collector, we cannot yet truly love Him. He is love itself (1 John 4:16,19). **Therefore, He expects us to love Him in return**; He cannot preserve this love among us without first forgiving us all our sins by grace, nor is there a better way for Him to preserve it. With this removal of debt, it is intended only that we should love Him. When that happens, then we finally begin again to experience that blessed fellowship that man had with the Lord God before the fall, a fellowship that consisted in love and love requited. Therefore Christ says in John 14:23, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.”

From this love springs **the praise of God, and also willing obedience toward God and His commandments**. As it says, “His commandments are not difficult” (1 John 5:3), that is, not difficult for the one who has received the forgiveness of sins through faith

and has been renewed by the Holy Spirit, so that he serves the Lord God with willing obedience, from genuine love. This is why it says about such a man who loves God that “his works are done in God” (John 3:21), for they flow from faith in Christ and from love for God. May the faithful God also work this in us by the power of His Spirit. Amen.

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 113-114)

Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer, The Fifth Petition



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:64b)

Jesus Is Crucified in Luke 23:33-49

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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; 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.**

#73 Our Greatest Joy should be That He Has Brought Us To A Saving Knowledge of Christ. -Thanksgiving

From this, we now see what **our greatest joy should be and for what, above all, we ought to give thanks to God, namely, that He has enlightened us inwardly through His Word and Spirit and has brought us to a saving knowledge of Christ.** The Lord Christ, as “Wisdom” (1 Cor. 1:24), understood best what an inexpressible blessing that was, which is why He rejoiced over it so earnestly and gave thanks to His heavenly Father for it so intensely. We do not understand or ponder it with such seriousness, which is why our spiritual joy and thanksgiving are also so much colder. But this is certain: The more the light of the saving knowledge of God increases, the more the spiritual joy and praise of God also grows within you. Indeed, if the natural light causes us to rejoice when it rises after the dark night, or when we are brought out of the dark dungeon to the very light of day, should not the heavenly, spiritual light of divine knowledge that the Lord God has kindled in our hearts, darkened by nature, cause us to rejoice much more, yes, immeasurably more? The natural light illumines us for a short time in this fleeting life and causes us to participate “with the saints in the light” (Col. 1:12).

As high as heaven is above the earth, so much more precious and noble should we also esteem the heavenly light of divine knowledge than the

natural light. The one for whom that heavenly light has not yet appeared and arisen still sits in darkness and will be cast out into the outermost darkness, and the natural light of the sun or of his own understanding will not be able to prevent it; only the heavenly light will do. If we want to come to this light, then **we must not place too much trust in the natural light of our understanding, which is deceptive and misleading.** We must not consider ourselves wise, but we should recognize that the natural light is darkness before God, and the world’s wisdom is foolishness. Many people fool themselves in this regard; they think that the true, heavenly light of the saving knowledge of God has arisen in their heart, but it is only a slender ray of the natural light which does not go or lead beyond nature. O heavenly Light, shine on us and drive out the darkness from our hearts! O bright Morning Star, arise in our heart! Teach us, O divine Wisdom! We will gladly be infants and willingly yield to Your enlightening!

(Sermon for St Matthias-February 24, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 51-52)

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.**



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Week of Advent One: November 30-December 6, 2025

Psalm 1 / 143

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

Daily Readings –

30 Sunday	8:00 AM	Matins on St. Andrew, Apostle Ezekiel 3:16-21, Romans 10:8-18, Matt 4:18-22	
	10:15 AM	Advent One Jeremiah 33:14-18, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 21:1-9	
1 Monday		Matt. 11:25-30	Genesis 3:1-24
2 Tuesday		Acts 3:22-26	Genesis 9:1-19
3 Wednesday		Col. 1:15-29	Genesis 22:1-19
	6:30 PM	Catechesis on St. Luke 21:25-36	
4 Thursday		Heb. 1:1-4	Genesis 49:1-28
5 Friday		Heb. 2:1-4	Num. 24:14-25
	No service	Nicolaus Selnecker, Confessor	
6 Saturday		Eph 3:1-12	Deut. 18:15-19
	7:00 PM	Vespers on St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor Hebrews 7:23-27, Matthew 25:14-23	

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.**

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.**

Weekday Prayers

Prayer for The Lord’s Day.

62. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord preserve me from all evil: the Lord preserve my soul. The Lord preserve my going out and coming in forevermore. The Lord bless me and keep me: the Lord make His face to shine upon me and be gracious unto me: the Lord lift up His countenance upon me and grant me peace. Amen.

O, ever blessed Trinity, unto Thy grace I commend my all this day,—this Sunday,—my body and soul, my walks and ways, and all my deeds and undertakings; and beseech Thee to open my heart and my lips rightly to praise Thy name,—holy above every other name. Since Thou hast created me unto the glory of Thy holy name, let me so live that I may honor and serve Thee in love and fear. Amen.

(Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 97-98)

Prayer for Monday

105. God, be merciful unto us and bless us. Make Thy countenance to shine upon us that we may acknowledge Thy ways in all the earth. The Lord, our God, bless us. The Lord bless us and grant us peace. Amen.

O Holy and Ever Faithful God, Heavenly Father, most heartily do I praise, laud, and magnify Thee, that Thou hast granted me to rest and sleep in safety during the night now past, and hast caused me to awake refreshed and in good health, through Thy Fatherly love. Most heartily do I beseech Thee, graciously to defend me and all believing Christians, this day and through all the days, against all harm and danger in body and soul, that I may always yield unto Thy will. Into Thy care and guidance I commend myself, body, soul, heart, mind, will, and thought, and all my purposes, my walks and ways, my rising up and my lying down, my coming in and my going out, my life and death, and all that I am or have. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, to defend me from all harm in body and soul. I ask it for Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son’s sake. Amen.

(Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 181-182)

Prayer for Tuesday.

131. Hear, O Lord, the prayers of all who call upon Thee, according to the benediction of Aaron (Num. 6), upon Thy people, that all who dwell in the earth may acknowledge that Thou, Lord, art the everlasting God. (Sir. 36.) Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase. The Lord, our God shall bless us: the Lord shall bless us, and all the earth shall fear Him. Amen. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, I, a poor, miserable sinner, am about to rise in Thy name. Thou wast crucified and didst die for me, and with Thy precious blood didst redeem me upon the cross. Govern, sanctify, and defend me in body and soul, and strengthen me unto all good works. Be my defense against every evil, and after this life grant me the life eternal. Amen.

(Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 233-234)

Prayer for Wednesday

163. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

Sing unto the Lord, O earth!

Sing forth the honor of His Name.

Let day proclaim unto day the salvation of our God. O come, let us sing unto the Lord our God a new song. May He bless and preserve me,—The Father, Who created me, The Son, Who redeemed me, The Holy Ghost, Who sanctified me. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, blessed and most holy Trinity, abide with me this day and at all times. Let me now, together with all the elect of God, arise unto one faith and one confession thereof in like confidence and hope of God. Let me arise from all my sin and sorrow to the grace and comfort of God and unto eternal life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 287-288)

Prayer for Thursday.

183. Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come unto Thee. Hide not Thy face from me for I am poor and needy. Incline Thine ear unto me. When I cry unto Thee, hear me and answer me.

Under Thy good pleasure, O Lord Jesus Christ, I submit all that I do or leave undone, my beginnings and my endings, and commend unto Thee my body and soul, my kin and acquaintances, together with all my possessions. By the guardianship of Thy holy angels Thou hast this night protected me; and, I beseech Thee, condescend this day also to guard and defend me from all evil. Vouchsafe unto me and all my relatives and friends whatsoever we need unto the maintenance of this temporal life; and, as a merciful father, care for us. Save us from war and pestilence, from famine and from evil trials, and, at last, receive us into Thy eternal kingdom, the heavenly paradise. Amen. (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 321-322)

Prayer for Friday.

206. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ Who has redeemed us with His precious blood, I do now arise. May He defend me against all evil, and preserve my body and soul; granting me also whatsoever shall prosper and confirm me in all good, unto eternal life. Amen.

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