

Prayer for Friday.

229. ALMIGHTY, gracious, merciful, and eternal God, Who hast said, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee," I pray Thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my sins. Let Thy Holy Spirit come upon me to fill my heart at all times with divine comfort. Whether I wake or sleep, whether I go or stand, help me as Thou best knowest to help my needs of body and soul. Thou knowest all things. Thou canst do all things. Thou art God and Lord over all, and in Thy hand are all things. Remember Thy mercy and Thy promises. Yea, remember the perfect obedience of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, by Whom I am wholly reconciled to Thee. For His sake, have mercy upon me now and ever more. And if it were Thy will that I should taste of danger, a cross, or any misfortune, even death itself, visit Thy divine comfort, blessing, and grace upon me. Without Thine assent, O Lord, nothing can befall me. Though I walk in darkest night, Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou hast numbered the very hairs of my head; why should I then be afraid? Living or dying, I am Thine; therefore, I am not lost, but saved forever through Jesus Christ. Amen. (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Page 381-382)

Prayer for Saturday.

257. ALMIGHTY God, Holy and Merciful Father, Who in six days didst create heaven and earth, and all that is in them, and didst rest on the seventh day, grant Thy grace unto me, Thy servant, that in true faith I may partake of the rest which Jesus Christ, Thy Son, merited for me. Let my conscience be at peace from all painful, spiritual, and physical trials; and, when I have labored sufficiently in this vale of sorrow, release me according to Thy gracious will and lead me into Thy rest against the day when, with all Thy saints, I shall rejoice in one sabbath of peace after another. Grant me this, O God and Father; through Thy Son Jesus Christ, in the Holy Ghost. Amen. (Page 431)

Our Family Daily Prayers

Easter 4 to Trinity 11

2026



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Moses Writing the Book

Our Family Daily Prayers – 2026

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Week of Cantate: May 3-9, 2026

Psalm 139 / 126

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

Daily Readings –

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

#35 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

Secondly, it is certain that sins are remitted, **for the sake of the Propitiator Christ**, Rom. 3:25, “Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation” or Conciliator; and it is expressly added—“through faith.” Accordingly we can avail ourselves of the Conciliator’s worth, by embracing the promises of mercy through faith, and setting it up against the wrath and judgment of God. And the same is written in Heb. 4:14-15, *We have a High Priest Christ, &c. Let us go to him with joyfulness*. The Apostle tells us to approach God, not relying on our own works, but trusting in the High Priest Christ. He therefore clearly requires faith. (Henkel Translation, p. 172-3, † literally “habit of love” toward God).

Thirdly, Peter says, Acts 10:43, “To him give all the Prophets witness, that through his name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.” How could Peter have expressed himself more clearly? He says, **we receive remission of sin through his name**; that is, we receive it through *him* not through *our* merit, not through *our* repentance (or attrition,) not through *our* love, not by *our* own service of God, not by our human ordinances or works; and he adds—*if we believe in him*. He therefore requires faith to exist in the heart. For that reason he says: “To him give all the Prophets

Prayer for Tuesday.

161. O LORD, my God, at evening time I lift up my hands unto Thee. Come unto us like the latter rains that make the earth fruitful. Abide with us, for the day is far spent, the evening is at hand, and in the darkness there is no one to defend us except Thou alone, O God. Hasten to uphold us. Defend us this night lest our souls fall into the sleep of sin and our bodies be overcome with evil. Awake us again in due time, and make us to hear joy and peace, for we love Thy word and Thy testimonies, which are the delight of our souls. Let our ears be saved from all messages of sorrow, and turn all anguish from our souls; for, Thou alone canst prosper all that liveth, and fill it with Thy blessing, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Pages 281-282)

Prayer for Wednesday

181. LORD, I am about to close mine eyes in sleep, but Thou, Who keepest Israel, slumberest not nor sleepest. Thou dost guard me in body and soul. Darkness has fallen round about me. Let the light of Thy countenance be over me and be gracious unto me. Sorrow and care are now laid aside, but let me not forget Thee while I sleep. As my lips now sink into silence, let my soul still pray to Thee when I sleep. Lord, bless my rest. Cleanse my soul that no impure dreams defile my heart nor trouble Thy spirit. Be Thou my dream, my joy and my glory, that I may awake to praise Thy name, so holy, so gracious, so wonderful. Amen. (Pages 316-317)

Prayer for Thursday.

203. O GOD, and Father, darkness and thick clouds oppress our hearts, if these be not illumined by Thy light. The beautiful sun is the light of this natural world, but the light of our spiritual world is Thine eternal wisdom, by which the light has risen upon our souls. When the day departs and the night comes apace with silent tread, Thou hast ordained the lesser natural lights to illumine the darkness, but unto our souls Thou hast given Thy Word, brought unto us by Thy Son, for a healing balm against every fear and the uncertainties of the night. Thy word is a lamp in our darkness and a light unto our fearsome paths. Let this true light shine upon me that I may rejoice in its glory. Let me recognize my everlasting light, the Lord Jesus Christ, and evermore praise Him unto His face, saying, O Lord Jesus, sweetest comfort living or dying, I am Thine. Whether I live, I live unto Thee, whether I die, I die unto Thee; for to this end didst Thou taste death, that I might have life everlasting. Sustain me in Thy love and embrace me with the arms of Thy grace. Let me be Thine own, here and to all eternity. Amen. (Pages 349-351)

Weekday Prayers

Prayer for The Lord's Day.

103. I RENDER thanks unto Thee, O true and everlasting Light, that Thou hast this day protected me by Thy light and spirit against every grievous sin. And now, during the night which Thou hast ordained for the rest of my poor body, O Lord, grant unto my weary soul to find rest and peace in Thee against all the wiles and onslaughts of the evil one. Cause my mind and my thoughts, together with my hands and my feet, to glorify Thee and be silent before Thee, Who art present and mindful of Thine own, when deep slumbers embrace them. O, let not this wicked flesh overmaster my poor soul, lest I forget Thee in the night watches. Into Thy hands I commit my spirit, O Gentle Shepherd, into Thy faithful hands. Thou hast redeemed my soul, O Lord God, Most Faithful, permit me not to fall away from Thee. Watch by me and cover me with the protection of Thy wings. When the night is past, 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.* (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehle, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 174-175)

Prayer for Monday

129. ALL-GRACIOUS and Merciful Father, most heartily will I render thanks unto Thee, that Thou hast this day, and unto this moment so graciously protected me against every evil in body and soul, and beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy well-beloved Son, mercifully to pardon all my sins which I have this day in any manner committed against Thee, in thought, in word, or in deed, and remember them not again forevermore. As I am about to give myself unto rest, I pray Thee, defend me this night against every evil in body and soul; that I may be preserved against every wile and power of Satan and from all evil, useless, and shameful dreams; to sleep safely, in peace, and to rise again refreshed in health, unto Thy praise. Into Thy hand alone I commit my all. Thou hast redeemed me, O faithful God. Amen. (Pages 227-228)

witness." This, it seems to me, is truly appealing to the Christian of universal church; for if all the holy Prophets bear witness, their decision and testimony are truly glorious, grand, excellent, and forcible; but of this passage we shall speak more hereafter. (Henkel Translation, p. 172-173).



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:85 Exodus 20)
Ten Commandments and People in Tents

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.**

Week of Rogate: May 10-16, 2026

Psalm 143 / 124

May 10-13 - **Psalm 70**, May 14 - **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 –

10 Sunday 10:15 AM	Rogate Numbers 21:4-9, 1 Timothy 2:1-6, St. John 16:23-33
11 Monday 8:00 AM	John 10:1-5 Amos 9:8-15 Matins on Rogation Monday John 10:1-5, Amos 9:8-15
12 Tuesday 8:00 AM	John 10:6-10 Isaiah 4:2-6 Matins on Rogation Tuesday John 10:6-10, Isaiah 4:2-6
13 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
14 Thursday 7:00 PM	Divine Service on Ascension Day 2Kings 2:5-15, Acts 1:1-11, Mark 16:14-20
15 Friday	Luke 24:50-53 Micah 7:7-13
16 Saturday	Acts 1:12-26 Micah 7:14-20

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Fourthly, remission of sin is **promised for Christ’s sake**. Therefore, no one can obtain it, unless by faith alone. For no one can take hold of the promise or participate in it, except through faith only. Rom. 4:16, “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure.” Precisely as if he should say, that if our salvation and righteousness depended on our own merit, the promise of God would yet be uncertain and useless to us; for we could never know it with certainty, when our merits would suffice. The pious heart and Christian conscience know this full well, and would not for a thousand worlds that our salvation depended upon ourselves.

Paul agrees with this view, Gal. 3:22, “The Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.” **Here Paul casts aside all our merit**; for he says we are all worthy of death, and concluded under sin; he calls to mind the divine promise, by which alone we can obtain the forgiveness of sin; and further adds how we become

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 Ninth Commandment



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:260 1 Samuel 10)
The King is Anointed

Week of Trinity Eleven: August 16 - 22, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

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

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For these reasons, we teach not only how the law may be kept, but also how all that we do becomes pleasing to God, not because we are able, in this life, to keep the law so perfectly and purely, but because we are in Christ, as we shall hereafter show. **It is evident, then, that our divines teach the truth concerning good works, and we add, that it is impossible for true faith, which comforts the heart and receives the forgiveness of sins, to be without the love of God.** For, through Christ we approach the Father, and when we are reconciled to God through Christ, then only do we believe and determine fully in our hearts, that there is a true and living God, and that we have a Father in heaven, who is constantly looking down upon us, who must be feared, and should be loved on account of his unspeakable favors. Him we should always thank sincerely, and to him accord praise and honor, who hears our prayers, our sighs, and our groanings, as John says in his first Epistle, 4:19 : “We love him, because he first loved us ;” for he gave his Son for us, and remitted our sins. Here John clearly shows, that faith goes before, and love follows. (Henkel Translation, p. 183).

participants of the promise, namely, by faith. This argument, drawn by Paul from the very nature of the divine promise, namely, that as God’s promise is certain and must remain sure, (as it will not fail to do,) remission of sin cannot proceed from our merit; else it would be uncertain, and we could not know when our merits would suffice; yes, I say, this argument, this foundation, is a firm rock; it is almost the strongest in the whole of Paul’s writings, and is very often repeated and quoted in all the epistles. (Henkel Translation, p. 173-174).



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:97 Exodus 32)
The Golden Calf and Moses/Aaron with God

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

Collect for Rogate (use May 10-13)

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

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No one on earth will ever be able to devise, invent, or contrive anything, by which *this* argument alone, if there were no other, can be overthrown. Nor will the pious and conscientious Christian by any means permit himself to be led away from the position, that we receive remission of sins by faith alone, for the sake of Christ’s merits. **For in this they have a sure, firm, and eternal consolation against sin and the devil, death and hell;** while everything else rests on a sandy foundation, and is insufficient in the hour of temptation.

Now, as we obtain remission of sin, and receive the Holy Ghost, through faith only, faith alone justifies us in the sight of God. For those who are reconciled to God, are righteous in his sight, and are his children; not on account of their purity, but because of God’s mercy, if they accept and embrace it through faith. Therefore, the Scriptures testify, that we are justified before God by faith. (Henkel Translation, p. 174).

Collect for Ascension (use May 14-16)

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.

Ascension

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We shall now cite passages which clearly state, that by faith we are made pious and righteous—not that our faith is a work so precious and pure, but solely because by faith, and by no other means, we receive the mercy offered.

In the Epistle to the Romans, Paul treats particularly of the manner in which we are justified before God; and arrives at the conclusion, that all those who believe that God is merciful to them through Christ, are justified before God by faith, without merit. And this forcible conclusion, this proposition, in which is comprehended the main subject of the whole epistle, yea, of all the Scriptures, he lays down clearly and unequivocally in the third chapter to the Romans and the 28th verse, “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.”

Our adversaries here contend, that Paul excluded only the Jewish ceremonies, not other virtuous works. Paul, however, does not speak of ceremonies only, but properly and assuredly of all other works, and of the whole law, or Ten Commandments. For in the 7th verse of the 7th chapter he afterwards quotes the passage from the Decalogue, “Thou shalt not covet.” (Henkel Translation, p. 174).

by his Spirit, that the devil may not over throw or ruin us ; else we shall constantly fall into error and abominable vices.

Paul therefore says, not of us, but of Christ, Eph. 4:8 : “He led captivity captive ;” for Christ conquered the devil, and promised the Holy Ghost through the Gospel, that by his assistance we may overcome every evil. And in 1 John 3:8, it is written : “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” (Henkel Translation, p. 182-183).

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



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:256 1 Samuel 5)
Ark Captured and Rat Infestation

Week of Trinity Ten: August 9-15, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

9 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Ten Jeremiah 7:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Luke 19:41-48	
10 Monday 10:30 AM	Galatians 2:1-21	1 Kings 9:1-28
	St. Laurence, Deacon & Martyr 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, St. John 12:24-26	
11 Tuesday	Galatians 3:1-14	1 Kings 10:1-29
12 Wednesday	Galatians 4:8-20	1 Kings 11:1-43
	No Learn-by Heart/Catechesis	
13 Thursday	Galatians 5:1-15	1 Kings 12:1-33
14 Friday	Galatians 6:11-18	1 Kings 13:1-34
15 Saturday No Service	Ephesians 6:1-9	1 Kings 14:1-31
	St. Mary Theotokos Isaiah 61:10-11, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55	



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:228 Judges 6)
Gideon and men lapping water

#52 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

From this it is evident, that **we cannot keep the law of God without faith, without Christ, without the Holy Ghost.** For this reason also we assert, that the law must be kept, and that every believer begins to keep it, and increases more and more in the love and fear of God, which is fulfilling the commandments of God indeed. And when we speak of the keeping of the law, or of good works, we include both, the good heart internally and good works externally.

Wherefore, our adversaries do us wrong, in charging us with being silent on the subject of good works ; while **we not only assert, that men must do good works, but also in particular point out, that the heart must be engaged therein,** if they are not in vain, empty, cold, hypocritical works. Experience teaches, that although the hypocrites undertake to keep the law by their own strength, they are unable to do so, or to prove it by their deeds. For to what extent are they free from hatred, from envy, contention, rage, anger, avarice, adultery, &c.? Can greater vices be found any where, than in monasteries? Human nature is much too weak, by its own strength, to resist the devil, his artifices and power ; for he holds all those captive, who are not redeemed by Christ. Divine strength and the resurrection of Christ are necessary to overcome the devil. And since we know that we become participants of Christ’s strength and victory through faith, we can pray God, upon the promise given, to protect and govern us



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:96 Exodus 31, 35:30-35)
The Artisans: Bezaleel and Aholiab

Week of Exaudi: May 17-23, 2026

Psalm 93 / 97

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

Daily Readings –

17 Sunday 9:00 AM	Exaudi Ezekiel 36:22-28, 1 Peter 4:7-14, John 15:26-16:4	
18 Monday	John 10:17-21	Zechariah 13:7-9
	St. Bartholomew Mission (Ft. Myers, FL)	
19 Tuesday	John 10:22-31	Zechariah 14:1-21
20 Wednesday	John 10:32-42	Isaiah 66:10-24
	No Learn-by-Heart or Catechesis	
21 Thursday	John 11:1-27	Jeremiah 46:27,28
22 Friday	John 11:28-44	Isaiah 32:9-20
23 Saturday 7:00 PM	John 11:45-57	Isaiah 57:15-21
	Vespers on Pentecost Eve Acts 19:1-8, John 14:15-21	

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Now if we could obtain remission of sin by works, which are not embraced in the Jewish ceremonies, and thus merit righteousness, what need would there be of Christ and his promises? Everything that Paul said in various places concerning the promises, would be overthrown at once. He would be in error, when writing to the Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works.”

Again, in the Epistle to the Romans, chap. 4:1-6, Paul alleged of Abraham and David:—They had received a commandment from God concerning circumcision. Now if any works justify before God, then the works, which God had commanded at that time, must also have justified.

But Augustine clearly maintains, that Paul is speaking of the whole law; and he argues at length, in his work concerning the spirit and the letter, (*de Spiritu et Litera.*) when he finally says, “Having now weighed and treated this subject, according to the strength which God has given us, we arrive at the conclusion, that **no man is justified by the precepts enjoining a good life, but by faith in Jesus Christ.**” (Henkel Translation, p. 174-175).

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.**

prayer, &c. When we now hear the Word and the Gospel, and know Christ through faith, we receive the Holy Spirit, and obtain proper views of God, fear and believe in him, &c. (Henkel Translation, p. 181-182).

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**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:252 1 Samuel 1)
Elkanah's Home

Week of Trinity Nine: August 2 – 8, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

2 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Nine 2 Sam. 22:26-34, 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, Luke 16:1-13	
3 Monday	2 Cor 8:1-24	1 Kings 3:16-28
4 Tuesday	2 Cor 9:1-15	1 Kings 4:22-34
5 Wednesday	2 Cor 10:1-18	1 Kings 5:1-18
	No Learn-by Heart/Catechesis	
6 Thursday	2 Cor 11:1-18	2 Chron 3:1-17
7 Friday	2 Cor 12:19—13:13	1 Kings 8:1-66
8 Saturday	Galatians 1:1-24	1 Kings 7:1-12

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And Paul remarks, 2 Cor. 3:15, 16, 17, that **the veil which covers the face of Moses, cannot be removed, except by faith in Christ the Lord**, through whom the Holy Spirit is imparted. For thus he says : “But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Now, the Lord is that Spirit : and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” By the veil Paul means the opinions and misconceptions of men relative to the Ten Commandments and the ceremonies ; namely, that the hypocrites suppose that the law can be kept and fulfilled by the observance of external works, and that the offerings and the various services of God, *ex opere operato*, justify us in the sight of God. But this veil is drawn from our hearts, that is, our false views are removed, when God reveals our wretchedness to our hearts, and makes us sensible of his wrath and our sins. Then do we first observe, how far we are from fulfilling the law, how securely and blindly all men continue to live, and how destitute they are of the fear of God ; in short, how far they are from believing, that God created heaven, earth, and all creatures, that he sustains our breath, our life, and all creation continually, and protects them against Satan. Here we first learn, that unbelief, security, and contempt of God, are so deeply concealed in us. Here we first experience, that we believe very feebly or not at all, that God forgives sins, that he hears



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:98 Exodus 32:35)
The Anger of God



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:161 Leviticus 27)
Moses Redeems a Person

Week of Pentecost: May 24-30, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

24 Sunday 10:15 AM	Pentecost Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14: 23-31
25 Monday <i>Memorial Day</i>	No Service on Pentecost Monday Isaiah 57:15-21, Acts 10:42-48, John 3:16-21
26 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
27 Wednesday 8:00 AM	Acts 2:37-47 Isaiah 45:18-21 Matins on Ember Wednesday Acts 2:14-21, Acts 5:12-16, John 6:44-52
	6:30 PM Catechesis on John 3:1-17
28 Thursday	John 14:1-22 Isaiah 45:22-25
29 Friday 8:00 AM	John 15:1-25 Jeremiah 9:23-26 Matins on Ember Friday Joel 2:23-27, Luke 5:17-26
30 Saturday 7:00 PM	John 16:31-17:26 Isaiah 44:6-8 Vespers on Ember Saturday Romans 5:1-5, Luke 4:38-44

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Let no one, however, suppose, that Paul’s declaration—“Man is justified by faith alone”—was made inadvertently; for he teaches this doctrine at length in the fourth chapter to the Romans, verses 4 and 5, and repeats it in all his epistles. In the fourth chapter he says, “Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt; but to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” It is evident, from these words, that faith is the same thing that he calls the righteousness of God; and he adds, that it is reckoned of grace, and that it could not be counted to us of grace, if works or merit had any thing to do with it. For this reason, undoubtedly, he excludes all works and all merit, not only Jewish ceremonies, but all other good works also; for if we were justified before God by these works, faith would not be counted to us for righteousness without works, as Paul

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.**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:205 Joshua 3-4)
The Walls of Jericho

Week of Trinity Eight: July 26-August 1, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

26 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Eight Jeremiah 23:16-29, Acts 20:27-38, Matthew 7:15-23	
27 Monday	1 Cor 12:12-31	2 Sam 19:1-23
28 Tuesday	1 Cor 14:1-40	1 Chron 21:1-30
29 Wednesday No Service	1 Cor 15:58—16:24	1 Chron 22:1-19
	St. Olaf, King & Martyr 2 Timothy 2:8-10; 3:10-12, Matthew 10:26-32	
	No Catechesis	
30 Thursday	2 Cor 1:1-24	1 Chron. 28:1-21
31 Friday	2 Corinthians 2:1-3:3	1 Chron 29:1-23
1 Saturday	2 Corinthians 6:11—7:16	2 Chron 1:1-13

#50 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

But our opponents are rude, indolent, and ignorant theologians. **They consider only the second table of Moses and its works** ; the first table, however, in which are embraced the chief doctrines of theology, and on which all depends, they disregard entirely. Yes, this most important, exalted, and holy commandment, which exceeds all the understanding of men and angels, which concerns the highest service to God, yea, the Deity himself and the honor of the Eternal Majesty, and in which **God commands us, sincerely to regard, fear, and love him**, as our Lord and God, is treated by them as if it did not even belong to theology.

But Christ is given to us, that our sins may be forgiven and the Holy Spirit imparted to us, for his sake. This Spirit works new light, immortal life, and eternal righteousness in us, in order to manifest Christ in our hearts, as we find, John 16:14 : “For he shall receive of mine, and show it unto you.” He works other graces also, love, thanksgiving, chastity, patience, &c. No one is able, therefore, to fulfil the law without the Holy Ghost ; for this reason Paul says : “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid : yea, we establish the law,” Rom. 3:31 ; for we cannot fulfil and keep the law, until the Holy Spirit is given to us. (Henkel Translation, p. 181).

explicitly says. And he adds, “We say that Abraham’s faith was counted unto him for righteousness.” (Henkel Translation, p. 175).

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



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:100 Exodus 34)
The New Tablets of Stone

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

#41 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

Again, chapter 5:1, “Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”—that is, our consciences have joy and peace before God. Rom. 10:10, “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.” **Here he calls faith the righteousness of the heart.** Gal. 2:16, “We have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law.” Eph. 2:8, “For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast.” John 1:12–13, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 3:14–15, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish.” John 3:17, “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned.” Acts 13:38–39, “Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him, all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.”

How could he have been more explicit in regard to the kingdom of Christ and justification? He says in plain terms, that the law can justify no man; therefore righteousness is accounted to us through Christ, if we *believe* that God is gracious unto us through him. (Henkel Translation, p. 175-176).

Ember Days

#42 Augsburg Confession Article XIII.—OF THE USE OF THE SACRAMENTS.

Concerning the use of the sacraments it is taught, that the sacraments have been instituted, not only as tokens by which Christians may be known externally, but as signs and evidences of the Divine will towards us, for the purpose of exciting and strengthening our faith; hence they also require faith, and they are properly used then only, when received in faith, and when faith is strengthened by them. (Henkel Translation, p. 113).

table, and in the first and highest commandment,) cannot be kept without the Holy Spirit. (Henkel Translation, p. 180-181).

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: The Fifth Commandment

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**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:200 Deuteronomy 24)
Moses Dies

Week of Trinity Seven: July 19-25, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

19 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Seven Genesis 2:7-17, Romans 6:19-23, Mark 8:1-9	
20 Monday	1 Cor 5:9-6:20	1 Chron 16:1-43
21 Tuesday	1 Cor 7:1-40	2 Samuel 7:1-29
22 Wednesday 10:30 AM	1 Cor 8:1-13	2 Samuel 12:1-23
6:30 PM	St. Mary Magdalene: Prov. 31:10-31, Song of Solomon 3:2-5; 8:6-7, Luke 7:36-50	
	Catechesis on Matthew 7:15-23	
23 Thursday	1 Cor 9:1-23	2 Samuel 15:1-15
24 Friday	1 Cor 10:14-33	2 Samuel 16:5-35
25 Saturday 7:00 PM	1 Cor 11:1-22	2 Samuel 18:1-13
	Vespers on St. James, the Elder 1 Kings 19:9-18, Rom 8:28-39, Matt 20:20-28	

#49 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

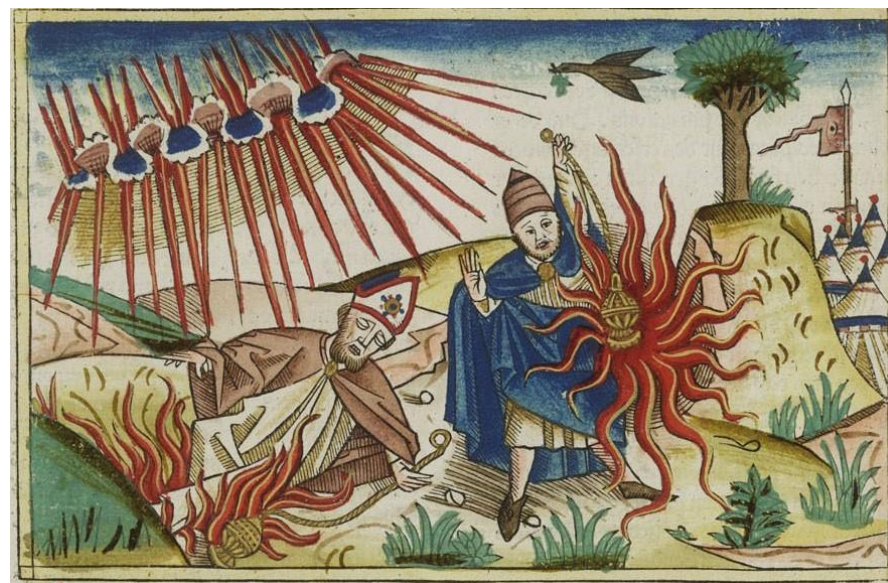
These things cannot take place, before we are justified by faith and born anew through the Holy Spirit ; because, in the first place, no one can keep the law, without the knowledge of Christ, nor can any one fulfil the law, without the Holy Spirit. But we cannot receive the Holy Ghost, except through faith, as Paul says to the Galatians 3:14 : “That we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

It is, moreover, impossible for the human heart to love God by the agency of the law or works alone. The law manifests nothing but the wrath and severity of God, it accuses us, and shows how fearfully he will chastise sin with punishments both temporal and eternal. Hence, what the scholastics teach concerning the love of God, is a wild conceit ; it being impossible to love God, before we know and embrace his mercy through faith. Then only does God become (*objectum amabile*) object amiable, lovely.

Although reason may, to some extent enable us, by its innate light, to lead an honest life, and to perform the external works of the law, without Christ and the Holy Spirit, yet it is true, as we stated above, the principal parts of the divine law, that is, turning the whole heart to God, and reverencing him sincerely, (as required in the first



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:107 Leviticus 1)
God Speaks to Moses, Aaron and his Sons



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:114 Leviticus 10)
Unauthorized Fire

Week of Trinity Sunday: May 31-June 6, 2026

Psalm 67, 8, 148 / 115, 143

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

Daily Readings –

31 Sunday 10:15 AM	The Holy Trinity Isaiah 6:1-7, Romans 11:33-36, John 3:1-17	
1 Monday	Acts 3:1-21	Joshua 1:1-18
	Eldona Synod (Salem LC, Malone TX)	
2 Tuesday	Acts 4:1-37	Joshua 3:1-17
3 Wednesday	Acts 5:1-42	Joshua 4: 1-24
	No Learn-by-Heart or Catechesis	
4 Thursday	Acts 6:1-15	Joshua 6:1-27
5 Friday No service	Acts 7:1-60	Joshua 8:1-35
	St. Boniface , Bishop and Martyr Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15, Acts 26:19-23, Matthew 5:1-12	
6 Saturday	Acts 8:1-40	Joshua 9:1-27
	Eldona Formation Anniversary 2006	

#43 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

Acts 4:11–12, “This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” We cannot, however, believe on the name of Christ, except by hearing his merit preached, and by embracing it. By faith in the name of Christ, therefore, and not by confidence in our own works, are we saved. **For the word, name, here signifies the cause through and for which salvation comes.** Therefore, the praise and confession of the name of Christ, signifies trust in him, who alone is called, who is Christ, being the cause of our salvation and the treasure by which we are redeemed. Acts 15:9, “He purified their hearts by faith.” Hence the faith, spoken of by the Apostles, is not a mere historical knowledge, but a powerful and vigorous operation of the Holy Ghost, which changes the heart. Hab. 2:4, “The just shall live by his faith.” Here we are told in the first place, that **the just are made just by faith**, if they believe that God is merciful through Christ; and secondly, that **faith produces life**. Faith alone gives peace and joy to the heart and conscience, and eternal life, which begins here on earth.

Isa. 53:11, “By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many.” **Now what is the knowledge of Christ, but a sense of his benefits and his promises**, which he preached and made known to the world ? To

Accordingly, when we are born anew by faith, and know, that God will be merciful to us, and be our father and our helper, we begin to fear, love, thank, and praise him, to entreat and look to him for assistance, and to submit to his will in afflictions ; then we also being to love our neighbor. Then there is, within us a new heart, mind, and soul, through the Spirit of Christ. (Henkel Translation, p. 180).

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 godness, 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.**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:156 Numbers 21-22)
Balaam's Prophecy and the Donkey

Week of Trinity Six: July 12 – 18, 2026

Psalm 119 6th part (1 Waw v.41-48) / Psalm 85

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

Daily Readings –

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

#48 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

III.—OF LOVE AND THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW. On this point our opponents meet us with the declarations, Matt. 19:17 : “if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments ;” and Rom. 2:13 : “Not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified ;” besides many similar passages, relative to the law and to works. **Before we reply to this, it is necessary for us to state our views concerning love and the fulfilment of the law.**

It is written in the Prophet Jer. 31:33 : “I will put my law in their inward parts ;” and Rom. 3:31, Paul says : “Do we then make void the law through faith ? God forbid : yea, we establish the law.” Again, Christ says, Matt. 19:17 : “If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.” Paul also says to the Corinthians, 1 Cor. 13:3 : “If I have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.” **These and similar passages show that we must keep the law, when we are justified by faith, and thus increase more and more in the Spirit.** We are not, however speaking of the Mosaic ceremonies, but the Ten Commandments, which require us to fear and love God truly, from the bottom of our hearts. **Now, since faith is accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and produces in the heart a new light and life, it is true, and necessarily follows, that faith renews and changes the heart.** What kind of a renovation of the heart this is, we learn from the Prophet, when he says : “I will put my law in their inward parts.”

have a knowledge of these benefits is, to *believe* truly in Christ, to believe that God will certainly give what he has promised through Christ. But the Scriptures abound with such declarations and testimony. They treat of both, the law of God and his promises. Now the promises speak of the forgiveness of sins and the reconciliation of God through Christ. (Henkel Translation, p. 176-177).

Catechism - Table of Duties:

To Workers of All Kinds: Eph. 6:5–8

To Employers and Supervisors: Eph. 6:9

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.**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:132 Numbers 1)

The Census

Week of Trinity One: June 7-13, 2026

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 –

7 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity One Genesis 15:1-6, 1 John 4:16-21, Luke 16:19-31	
8 Monday	Acts 9:1-43	Joshua 10:1-5
	Eldona Family Camp June 8-10 At Charity LC, Burleson, TX	
9 Tuesday	Acts 10:1-33	Joshua 11:1-23
10 Wednesday	Acts 11:1-30	Joshua 23:1-16
	No Learn-by-Heart or Catechesis	
11 Thursday No service	Acts 12:1-25	Joshua 24:1-31
	St. Barnabas, Apostle Isaiah 60:1-5, Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3, Mark 6:7-13	
12 Friday	Acts 13:1-52	Judges 2:1-23
13 Saturday	Acts 14:1-28	Judges 6:1-40

#43 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

And in the writings of the Fathers we find many similar declarations.

Thus Ambrose writes to Irenaeus : “But the whole world is therefore subject to God, subdued by the law ; for, by the commandments of the law, we are all accused ; but by the works of the law, no one is justified. Through the law sin is made known to us, but guilt is removed by faith. It appears, indeed, as if the law had done harm, by including all under sin ; but Christ the Lord has come, and remitted our sins which we could not avoid ; and has blotted out the hand-writing, by the shedding of his blood. This is what Paul says to the Romans, 5:20 : ‘The law entered, that the offence might abound ; but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound’ through Jesus. For, inasmuch as the whole world is guilty, he has taken away the sins of the whole world ; as John testifies, John 1:29 : ‘Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.’ Therefore no one should boast of his works, because no one is justified by his own deeds ; but he that is just, is made so in baptism, in Christ, since he became justified. For it is faith that releases us, through the blood of Christ, and blessed is he, whose sins are forgiven him, and to whom grace is come.”

These plain words of Ambrose evidently coincide with our doctrine. He says that works do not justify us, and that faith redeems us through the blood of Christ. All the high-titled Sententiaries, (some are styled *angelici*,

for Christ’s sake. Those, who do not inculcate the faith of which we have been speaking, suppress this holy Gospel entirely.

Now it is shocking to hear, that the scholastics have not written a particle about faith. And these our adversaries follow, rejecting this most important doctrine of faith ; and they are so hardened and blind, as not to perceive, that they are thus trampling under foot the whole Gospel, the divine promises concerning the remission of sins, and Jesus Christ himself.

(Henkel Translation, p. 179-180).

Catechism - The Ten Commandments: The Third Commandment

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.**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:155 Numbers 21)
Bronze Serpent on a Pole

Week of Trinity Five: July 5 – July 11, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

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

#47 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

We have hitherto presented abundant testimony from the Fathers and the Scriptures, for the purpose of showing more clearly, that **through faith alone we obtain the remission of sin for Christ’s sake and are justified** ; that is, that the unrighteous are sanctified and regenerated. Pious souls may observe here, that this doctrine of faith is indispensable ; for by it alone we learn to know Christ and his benefits, and in it alone the heart and conscience find true and indubitable rest and consolation. If there is to be a Christian church, and a Christian faith, they must preach and teach a doctrine, which places the soul, not upon error or sand, but on a foundation, on which it may firmly rely and trust.

Our adversaries, therefore, are truly unfaithful bishops, preachers, and doctors ; they have hitherto given evil advice to men, and still continue to do so, by advancing doctrines, which leave them in doubt and suspense, as to the remission of their sins. For how is it possible, that those, who have not heard or do not know this important doctrine of Christ—who yet waver, and doubt whether they have forgiveness of their sins—should sustain themselves in the peril of death, and in the last gasp and agony ? Again, , if there is to be a Christian Church, the Gospel of Christ must ever remain in it, namely, the divine promise that our sins are remitted without merit,

others *subtiles*, others again *irrefragabiles*, this is, doctors who are infallible,) together with all their works, throw less light on the meaning of Paul, than this single paragraph from Ambrose. (Henkel Translation, p. 177).

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.**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:143 Numbers 10)
The Trumpet when Departing Camp

Week of Trinity Two: June 14-20, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

14 Sunday <i>Father's Day</i> 10:15 AM	Trinity Two Proverbs 9:1-10, Eph 2:13-22, Luke 14:15-24	
15 Monday 10:30 AM	Acts 15:1-41	Judges 7:1-25
	Divine Service on David Henkel, Pastor & Confessor Hebrews 13:7-17, Matthew 24:42-47	
16 Tuesday	Acts 16:1-40	Judges 13:1-25
17 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Acts 17:1-15	Judges 14:1-20
	Catechesis on St. Luke 15:1-10	
18 Thursday	Acts 18:1-28	Judges 15:1-20
19 Friday	Acts 19:1-41	Judges 16:4-31
20 Saturday	Acts 20:1-38	1 Samuel 1:1-28

#44 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

In this sense **Augustine** also has written much, in opposition to the Pelagians, and in his work : Of the Spirit and Letter (*de Spiritu et Litera*) he says : “The law, with its righteousness, is set before us, in order that he, who keeps it, may live by it, and that all, when they know their infirmity, may come to God, who alone justifies, not through their own strength, nor the letter of the law, which we cannot fulfil, but through faith. No one can do a truly good work, unless he first be righteous and godly ; but righteousness is attained through faith alone.” Here he plainly says that God, who alone blesses and sanctifies us, is reconciled through faith, and that faith makes us pious and just in the sight of God.

Again, immediately afterwards : “The law works fear, but through faith we hope and trust in God. From those who fear the penalty, grace is concealed. In this fear, when a man is in anxiety, &c., through faith he must flee to the mercy of God, that He may give what he has commanded in the law, and grant his grace.” Thus he teaches, that **by the law the heart is terrified, and through faith consoled again.** (Henkel Translation, p. 177-178).

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

regenerated, and which gives comfort and life to the affrighted conscience. Since this faith alone obtains remission of sin, and renders us acceptable in the sight of God, it is accompanied by the Holy Ghost, and it should be styled, rather than the love which follows, *gratia gratum faciens* ; that is, the grace which renders acceptable. (Henkel Translation, p. 178-179).

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

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.**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:150 Leviticus 17)
Aaron's Staff Buds

Week of Trinity Four: June 28 - July 4, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

28 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Four Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 12:14-21 Luke 6:36-42	
29 Monday 10:30 AM	Acts 27:1-44	1 Samuel 9:1-27
	SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles Ezekiel 34:7-16, Acts 12:1-11, Matthew 16:13-20	
30 Tuesday	Acts 28:1-31	1 Samuel 10:1-27
1 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Romans 1:1-15	1 Samuel 12:1-25
	Catechesis on Luke 5:1-11	
2 Thursday 10:30 AM	Romans 1:16-32	1 Samuel 13:1-14
	Visitation of Our Lord Zephaniah 3:14-17, Isaiah 11:1-5, Luke 1:39-56	
3 Friday	Romans 2:1-29	1 Samuel 15:1-35
4 Saturday <i>Independence Day</i>	Romans 3:1-31	1 Samuel 16:1-23

#46 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

We also say, that **love must follow faith**, as Paul tells us, Gal. 5:6 : “For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision ; but faith, which worketh by love.” But we must not, therefore, put our trust in love, or build upon it, as if we obtain the remission of sins and reconciliation with God on account of love or through it. **Neither do we obtain forgiveness of sins for the sake of other works which follow, but through faith alone.** The promises of God cannot be taken hold of by works, but by faith alone. Faith, properly speaking, or *fides proprie dicta*, is, when our hearts and the Holy Ghost in us, declare that the promises of God are true and certain ; this is the faith, of which the Scriptures speak. Now, before we perform or accomplish any thing, faith does nothing but receive and accept gifts ; it is therefore counted to us for righteousness, as it was to Abraham, before we love, before we keep the law, or do any work.

Nevertheless it is true, that fruits and works follow, and that faith is not a mere historical knowledge, but a new light in the heart, and an energetic operation of the Holy Spirit, by which we are

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.**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:146 Numbers 13)
Grapes on a Pole from the Promised Land

Week of Trinity Three: June 21 - 27, 2026

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

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

Daily Readings –

21 Sunday 10:15 AM	Trinity Three Micah 7:18-20, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10	
22 Monday	Acts 21:1-39	1 Samuel 2:1-21
23 Tuesday	Acts 21:40-22:29	1 Samuel 3:1-21
24 Wednesday No service	Acts 22:30-23:35	1 Samuel 4:1-22
	Nativity of St. John the Baptist Malachi 3:1-4, Isaiah 40:1-5, Luke 1:57-80	
	No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis	
25 Thursday No service	Acts 24:1-27	1 Samuel 5:1-12
	The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession Isaiah 55:6-11, Romans 10:5-17, John 15:1-11	
26 Friday	Acts 25:1-27	1 Samuel 7:1-17
27 Saturday	Acts 26:1-32	1 Samuel 8:1-22

#45 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

It is really strange, that our adversaries can be so blind, and overlook so many plain passages which clearly state that we are justified by faith and not by works. What can these deluded men be thinking of? Do they suppose, that the Scriptures so often and so plainly repeat these things without design? Do they imagine, that the word of the Holy Spirit is doubtful and inconsiderate, or that he knows not what he says?

On this subject these ungodly men have fabricated the sophistry, that the passages of Scripture which speak of faith, must be applied to *fide formata*, which is to say, that faith makes no one godly or righteous, except on account of love or works. In short, **according to their view, it is not faith that justifies us, but love alone**; for they say, that faith is compatible with mortal sin. What is this but overthrowing all the promises of God and the pledges of grace, and preaching works and the law?

If faith obtains grace and the remission of sins on account of love, the forgiveness of sin must always be uncertain; because we never love God as fervently as we ought; nay, we cannot love God, until we are assured that our sins are remitted. Hence, when our opponents

teach us to rely on such love to God as we are capable of, and upon our works, they entirely set aside the Gospel, which preaches the forgiveness of sins, while no one can really feel or understand such love to God, except he believe, that by grace he obtains remission of sins through Christ, without price. (Henkel Translation, p. 178).

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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.**



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