

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Liturgical Text; Psalm 8:1-5

Blessed the Holy / Trinity*
and the Undivided / Unity:
Let us give glo- / ry to Him*
For He has shown mercy / unto us.
O / Lord, our Lord,*
How excellent is Your name in / all the earth,
You have set Your glory above the / heavens!*
Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, You have or- / dained
strength.
What is man that You are mind- / ful of him,*
and the son of man that You / visit him?
For You have made him a little lower than the / angels,*
and You have crowned him with glory and / honor.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **2 Corinthians 13:14**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, who has given to us, Your servants, grace, by the confession of a truth faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity, we implore You that You would keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; who lives and reigns, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
We All Believe in One True God

TLH 251, LSB 95
Martin Luther



1. We all believe in one true God,
Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love
Hath the right of children given.
He both soul and body feedeth,
All we need He doth provide us;
He through snares and perils leadeth,
Watching that no harm betide us.
He careth for us day and night,
All things are governed by His might.

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
Source of every grace and blessing.
Born of Mary, virgin mother,

By the power of the Spirit,
Made true man, our elder Brother,
That the lost might life inherit;
Was crucified for sinful men
And raised by God to life again.

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who sweet grace and comfort giveth
And with the Father and the Son
In eternal glory liveth;
Who the Church, His own creation,
Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
Daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
In bliss with God eternally. Amen.



“The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost”

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have kept me this night from all
harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also
from sin and every evil, that all my
doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands, I
commend myself, my body and
soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.

Around the Word Devotions + the week of May 26-June 1, 2024

THEME OF THE WEEK: The One True God: The Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost

The Feast of the Holy Trinity begins the second half of the Church Year, known as the Time of the Church. During these weeks we hear the teachings of our Lord Jesus and consider our growth in faith toward God and in fervent love toward one another. It is no accident that this long season, which focuses on Christian living, should begin with a Sunday devoted to pure doctrine and the right confession of the only true God. Without the truth, we cannot possibly live as Christians in the world, but when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, we, as the children of God, are strengthened to live holy lives according to it. So Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth." (John 17:17)

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-15 – You Must Be Born Again

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not discerned by the natural man. Much less can he receive the promise of eternal life by his own reason or strength. But "blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3) Let us then thank God for the new birth of water and of the Spirit, by which we have become His children having the certain hope of heaven. *Heavenly Father, we praise You for the new birth of the Holy Spirit, which is ours in Your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8 – How Majestic Is Your Name in All the Earth

According to human reason, God should have little reason to regard us at all. His glory is set above the heavens, and we are mortals, fashioned from dust. What is man that He should be mindful of him? But God not only created man in His own image and likeness, but in the fullness of time He also became Man for us men and for our salvation. Having risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ reigns over all things as true God and true Man, our brother indeed. *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth! You have wonderfully created us and all the more wonderfully redeemed us by Your Son's blood. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 11:33-36 – Oh, the Depth of the Riches and Wisdom and Knowledge of God

So far we have seen that God's ways and thoughts are far higher than man's ways and thoughts. In Romans 11, Paul, quoting Isaiah, writes, "For who has known the mind of the Lord?" That question is answered by Paul in 1 Corinthians 2: "But we have the mind of Christ." Yes, God's judgments and ways are unsearchable and inscrutable, but He has made known His will in the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Spirit, working through the Word, opens our minds and hearts to believe what God has inspired for our instruction: above all, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. *To You be glory forever, O God, for You have given us Your holy Word. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 18:30-32 – Turn and Live

In the Divine Service we confess our sins and ask for God's forgiveness "of [His] boundless mercy." If there was a limit to God's grace, we all would be lost forever, for we daily sin much. But God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone. His mercy toward us is inexhaustible, for it is found in the death of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore we drown the Old Adam in us by daily contrition and repentance and by faith receive the forgiveness of sins which the Holy Spirit bestows daily and richly in the Christian Church. *O Lord God, create in us a new heart and a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and turn to You in faith. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:18-20 – All Authority Is Given to Christ

In His state of exaltation, Jesus Christ fully, powerfully, and publicly exercises all authority in heaven and on earth as both true God and true Man. He wills to use His divine power and authority not for His own comfort but to save sinners. He sends the apostles, and the pastors who follow in their footsteps, to make disciples through Baptism and teaching the full counsel of His Word. He also promises to be with His Church always, to the end of the age. Behold the love of God, that He should use His perfect authority for our eternal good! *Abide with us, O Lord, and keep us steadfast in the one true faith unto life everlasting. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 13:14 – The Blessing of the Triune God

This verse is one of the clearest Scripture passages about the Trinity. In it the one true God is confessed to be three distinct yet equal Persons. Here we also learn that the Triune God desires to bless us. The Father loves us, so that He gave His only-begotten Son for us. The Son is gracious to us, having died on the cross to redeem us. The Holy Spirit works true fellowship in the one true faith among Christians. The three Persons of the Trinity work as one indivisible God, that we might live in Him forever. *Glory to You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forevermore. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 115 – The Lord Is Our Help and Our Shield

There is only one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All other gods are false and impotent: the psalmist declares that all who trust in them will become just as powerless as they are. The Triune God, however, was and is and ever shall be the Lord of all, who helps and shields and blesses all who trust in Him. He does so not because of any merit or worthiness in us but for the sake of His steadfast love and faithfulness. To You, O blessed Trinity, be all praise and glory forevermore! *O God, be our helper for the sake of Your holy Name. Amen.*

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