

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.

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.

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.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

Proverbs 25:6-14

Psalms 2

Ephesians 4:1-6

Luke 14:1-11

Hymn of the Day

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

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The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, September 27 through Saturday, October 3

“Jesus Calls Forth Life From Death”

1 Kings 17:17-24; Ephesians 3:13-21; Luke 7:11-17

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”** Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father **“is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think”** (Ephesians 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His Name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. **“To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”**

INVOCATION *(make the sign of the holy cross and say)*

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 is seated 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.

PSALMODY *(sing or read out loud each day)*

Psalm 30

LEARN BY HEART LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM: Daily Prayers (Morning)

How the head of the family should teach his household to pray morning and evening.

In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say: **“In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”** Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:

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.

Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, September 27:	Psalm 89	1 Kings 21	Zechariah 1:18-2:13	James 3:1-12
Monday, September 28:	Psalm 90	1 Kings 22:1-40	Zechariah 3	James 3:13-18
Tuesday, September 29:	Psalm 91	1 Kings 22:41-53	Zechariah 4	James 4:1-10
Wednesday, September 30:	Psalm 92	2 Kings 1	Zechariah 5	James 4:11-5:12
Thursday, October 1:	Psalm 93	2 Kings 2	Zechariah 6	James 5:13-20
Friday, October 2:	Psalm 94	2 Kings 3	Zechariah 7	John 1:1-18
Saturday, October 3:	Psalm 95	2 Kings 4	Zechariah 8	John 1:19-51

HYMN OF THE WEEK

The Will of God Is Always Best

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PRAYERS

The following suggestions are offered as an aid in developing the habit of praying for ourselves and others each week:

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by Word and Sacrament.

Monday: For faith to live in the promise of Holy Baptism; for one’s calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to God’s Word; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for deacons, teachers, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood.

Friday: For faithful preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God’s Word on the Lord’s Day; for pastors as they prepare to administer and for people as they prepare to receive Christ’s holy gifts.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.