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## 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.

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## SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 8:1a

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”

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

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## 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.

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## PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

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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.



Around the Word Devotions + June 15-21, 2025

“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.

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## 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.

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## 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 June 15-21, 2025

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

God the Father loves you. He sent His Son to save you. God the Son loves you. He suffered and died for you. He bore the wrath of God in your place. God the Holy Spirit loves you. He brings the saving Word to you day after day. He brought you to baptism and continues to enlighten you with His gifts. God the Holy Trinity is love, and this is our great comfort. In the darkness of this fallen world, the love of God is our hope and peace.

**SUN**

**SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-15 Spiritual Birth**

Baptism is rich. It is the means by which we are brought to spiritual and eternal life. It is the means by which we become citizens of heaven and members of God's holy family. In mystical union it binds us closer to God than we are bound to anything in creation. Baptism reveals God's true name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through the revelation of the Name, we gain saving knowledge and faith. Do not marvel that we must be born anew. Flesh begets flesh. From a sinful nature comes sin and death. Praise God that by water and the Spirit we both see and enter God's kingdom. We see the kingdom won through the Son lifted up on the cross. We enter through Baptism and faith. *Grant me joy in my baptism, O Lord. Amen.*

**MON**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 67 A Name for All Nations**

Psalm 67 echoes the Aaronic benediction, where "the Lord" puts His Name three times on the people to "bless them" and "cause His face to shine upon them." In this Psalm we hear that His Name is for more than just Israel. Let all the people praise this Name, even the nations. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit certainly sends rain on believers and unbelievers alike. But the blessing He gives to His Church—grace, mercy, and peace in Christ—He gives also for the sake of others. That His way and saving health may be known among all nations. *Lord, Your Name be hallowed among us and in all the world. Amen.*

**TUE**

**SCRIPTURE: Romans 11:33-36 The Mysterious Mind of God**

"How unsearchable are His judgements and His ways past finding out!" God's mind is far above our minds, even the best minds. Most of the scientific atheists I know have this problem, they are always disappointed with the way God does things. They, if they had all power, would manage the world quite differently! God's ways are mysterious, and this is mostly because God's ways are meek and merciful. The mind of the Lord is your salvation. (Imagine that!) The cross of Christ and the resurrection of your body is what is on His mind! And this has been revealed to us. We could never attain to this knowledge, but it is brought down to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. *O Lord, how wonderful are Your thoughts towards us! 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 What Are You Going To Do With All Authority?**

All authority," Jesus says to the disciples, "has been given to Me." That is a lot of authority! "...in heaven and on earth." You can imagine the disciples were excited. What are we going to do with all that authority? Set up a new kingdom? Overthrow the Romans? Bring an end to sickness and poverty? What would we do with all this authority? We should be surprised and delighted with what Jesus does with all authority: He gives the gift of His Word and baptism to the world. "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." *O Lord, we thank You that You use Your authority to give us the gifts of the Gospel. Amen.*

**FRI**

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 13:14 Grace, Love, and Communion**

Grace is God's favor for you for Christ's sake. God chose to be merciful for the sake of His Son whom He would send to become flesh to redeem your fallen flesh. His sacrifice has ended God's anger against sin and forever obtained His smiling face. Love is how the Son reveals the Father. No one on earth knows the Father. The Son has known His begetting Love from eternity. He extends the Father's Love to us through His Sacrifice and Word. Communion is the union which we share with God by faith in the Word and with each other through confession of the truth. The Spirit works this love. It is not our work, but a heavenly gift. *O Triune God, keep me in the Grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of the Father, and the Communion of the Spirit. Amen.*

**SAT**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 115 Idols Without A Creed**

The catholic faith is this: that we worship the Trinity. We confess this teaching for the sake of God's glory, mercy, and Truth. It is what the Scriptures teach about Him; and only the Holy Trinity is a God of mercy. Psalm 115 has a clever saying about idols: they are man's creation, incapable of mercy or speech or thought. Those who make them are the same way. Our God brings forth life and praise out of what He creates. The dead go down with their silent idols. But Christians will bless and acknowledge the Trinity forever. *Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Your Name give glory. Amen.*

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