

V: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth.
R: Give me an undivided heart that I may fear Your name.
V: I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart.
R: I will glorify Your name forever.
V: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
R: May those who love Your salvation always say, Let God be exalted.
V: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance.
R: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
V: Hear my prayer, O Lord.
R: Listen to my cry for mercy.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and as we do obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

In our prayers: Pastor, Kimberly Simone, Jack Kaiser, Jerry Gullet

Luther's Evening Prayer (prayed together)

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 wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

V: Let us bless the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God.
V: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, + and bring us to everlasting life.
R: Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week

24 August - 14th Sunday after Trinity-

OT Lesson: Proverbs 4: 10- 23

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 5: 16- 24

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17: 11- 19

Sermon: Christ Announces Words of Life

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The 13th Sunday After Trinity

August 17-23, 2008

The Church Calendar

August 20 – Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot, Theologian and Poet

Bernard, third son of a Burgundian nobleman, was born in 1090. His brothers were trained as soldiers, but Bernard from youth was destined for scholarship. One Christmas Eve as a child he had a dream about the infant Christ in the manger; and the memory of it, and consequent devotion to the mystery of the Word made flesh, remained with him throughout his life.

Bernard had good prospects of success as a secular scholar, but he began to believe that he was called to the monastic life, and after a period of prayer for guidance, he decided at age 22 to enter the monastery of Citeaux.

If Bernard in controversy was fierce and not always fair, it partly because he was a man of intense feeling and dedication, quick to respond to any real or supposed threat to what he held sacred. It is his devotional writings, not his polemical ones, that are still read today. Among the hymns attributed to him are the Latin originals of "O Sacred Head, sore wounded," "Jesus, the very thought of Thee," "O Jesus, joy of loving hearts," "Wide open are Thy hands (to pay with more than gold the awful debt of guilt and sin, forever and of old--see the *Lutheran Book of Worship* et alibi)," and "O Jesus, King most wonderful." His sermons on the Song of Songs, treated as an allegory of the love of Christ, are his best-known long work.

Collect: O God, by whose grace thy servant Bernard of Clairvaux, enkindled with the fire of thy love, became a burning and a shining light in thy Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and may ever walk before thee as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever.

(Taken from James Kiefer's Christian Hagiographies)

The Daily Office

V: O Lord, open my lips;

R: and my mouth will declare your praise

V: Make haste, O God, to + deliver me;

R: make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen.

Daily Psalms: (Use either or both)

Su-67/93; Mo-51/47; Tu-54/99; We-65/91; Th-143/116;

Fri-86/19; Sa-122/90

The Readings (Sunday-Saturday)

	Old Testament	New Testament	Optional
Sun	2 Sam 7:1-17	1 Cor. 9:24-10:22	FC SD 2:59-72
Mon	2 Sam 7:18-29	1 Cor. 10:23-11:16	FC SD 2:73-83
Tue	2 Sam 11:1-27	1 Cor. 11:17-34	FC SD 2:84-90
Wed	2 Sam 12:1-25	1 Cor. 12:1-13	2 Sam 13:1-19:43
Thu	1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35	1 Cor. 12:14-31	FC SD 3:1-16
Fri	1 Kings 2:1-27	1 Cor. 13:1-13	1 Cor. 14:1-16:23
Sat	1 Kings 3:1-15	2 Cor. 1:1-22	1 Kings 3:16-4:34

The Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer

2. Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God’s kingdom come?

God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

3. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God’s will done?

God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Hymn: LW 280 Jesus, Your Boundless Love So True

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Lord’s Prayer (prayed together)

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.

The Creed (confessed by all)

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.

The Litany

V: O Lord, hear my prayer.

R: And let my cry come to You.

V: In the day of my trouble I call to you

R: For You answer me.

V: Hide Your face from my sins.

R: And blot out all my iniquity.

V: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

R: And renew a right spirit within me.

V: Do not cast me away from Your presence.

R: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

V: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

R: And uphold me with a willing Spirit.

V: Because Your lovingkindness is better than life.

R: My lips shall praise You

V: Because You have been my help.

R: Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.