

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

Grant to us, Lord, we implore You, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be You be enabled to live according to Your will; 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

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

20 July- 9th Sunday after Trinity

OT Lesson: 2 Samuel 22: 26- 34

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10: 6- 13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16: 1- 13

Sermon: On God and Money

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The 8th Sunday After Trinity

July 13-19, 2008

The Church Calendar

July 13 –Silas, Missionary Companion of Paul

Silas is chiefly remembered as the companion of the Apostle Paul who was arrested with him at Philippi (Acts 16:19-40). They were beaten severely and confined in the inner prison, with their feet in stocks. There they sang hymns in the night, and an earthquake shook the prison, and released them. As a result, the jailer and his household became believers.

Eventually Paul and Barnabas undertook to visit again the congregations they had founded on their previous journey, and Barnabas wished to take John Mark with them, but Paul thought this unwise, and so they determined to travel separately, Barnabas taking Mark, and Paul taking Silas (A 15:36-40). And so Paul and Silas (joined in progress by Timothy and by Luke) went through part of what is now Turkey and then crossed over into Europe and preached at Philippi (where they made converts and were arrested as described above), and went on to Thessalonica and Berea, being the center of riots in each place (A 17:1-13), after which Paul went on to Athens and thence to Corinth, and was soon joined there by Silas and Timothy (A 18:5). And that is the last we hear of Silas.

The name "Silas" is a shortened form of "Silvanus", and the Silvanus whom Paul mentions in his writings to the Corinthians (2 C 1:19) and the Thessalonians (1 Th 1:1; 2 Th 1:1) is probably the Silas of Acts, and also probably the same as the Silvanus who carried the Apostle Peter's first letter (1 P 5:12) to its scattered recipients.

Further details of the life of Silas are not known, but he is customarily honored as a martyr.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servant Silas, whom thou didst call to preach the Gospel to the peoples of Turkey, Greece and Macedonia. Raise up, we beseech thee, in this and every land evangelists and heralds of thy kingdom, that thy Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(Taken from James Kiefer's Christian Biographies)

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-19/81; Mo-136/97; Tu-123/30; We-15/48; Th-36/80;

Fri-130/32 Sa-56/100

The Readings (Sunday-Saturday)

	Old Testament	New Testament	Optional
Sun	Judges 13:1-25	Galatians 2:1-21	Ruth 1:1-4:22
Mon	Judges 14:1-20	Galatians 3:1-22	2 Maccabees 11
Tue	Judges 15:1-16:3	Galatians 3:23-4:11	2 Maccabees 12:1-25
Wed	Judges 16:4-30	Galatians 4:12-31	Judges 17:1-21:25
Thu	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Galatians 5:1-26	2 Maccabees 12:26-45
Fri	1 Sam. 1:21-2:17	Galatians 6:1-18	2 Maccabees 13
Sat	1 Samuel 2:18-36	Acts 15:22-41	2 Maccabees 14:1-25

The Catechism – The Ten Commandments

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and to do their duty.

What does God say about these commandments?

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me keep My commandments.

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Hymn: LW 334 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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.