

**Daily Devotions for Home and Family**  
*For the Week of The First Sunday after Trinity*  
June 18 through June 24

**XXVIII. THE POWER OF BISHOPS**

<sup>61</sup> There are many faulty discussions<sup>9</sup> of the transformation of the law, of the ceremonies of the New Testament, and of the change of the Sabbath, all of which have arisen from the false and erroneous opinion that in Christendom one must have services of God like the Levitical or Jewish services and that Christ commanded the apostles and bishops to devise new ceremonies which would be necessary for salvation.

<sup>62</sup> Such errors were introduced into Christendom when the righteousness of faith was no longer taught and preached with clarity and purity.

<sup>63</sup> Some argue that although Sunday must not be kept as of divine obligation, it must nevertheless be kept as almost of divine obligation, and they prescribe the kind and amount of work that may be done on the day of rest.

<sup>64</sup> What are such discussions but snares of conscience? For although they undertake to lighten and mitigate human regulations,<sup>1</sup> yet there can be no moderation or mitigation as long as the opinion remains and prevails that their observance is necessary. And this opinion will remain as long as there is no understanding of the righteousness of faith and Christian liberty.

<sup>65</sup> The apostles directed that one should abstain from blood and from what is strangled. Who observes this prohibition now? Those who do not observe it commit no sin, for the apostles did not wish to burden consciences with such bondage but forbade such eating for a time to avoid offense.

<sup>66</sup> One must pay attention to the chief article of Christian doctrine, and this is not abrogated by the decree.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>67</sup> Scarcely any of the ancient canons are observed according to the letter, and many of the regulations fall into disuse from day to day even among those who observe such ordinance most jealously.

<sup>68</sup> It is impossible to give counsel or help to consciences unless this mitigation is practiced, that one recognizes that such rules are not to be deemed necessary and that disregard of them does not injure consciences.

<sup>69</sup> The bishops might easily retain the obedience of men if they did not insist on the observance of regulations which cannot be kept without sin.

<sup>70</sup> Now, however, they administer the sacrament in one kind and prohibit administration in both kinds. Again, they forbid clergymen to marry and admit no one to the ministry unless he first swears an oath that he will not preach this doctrine, although there is no doubt that it is in accord with the holy Gospel. ~ The Augsburg Confession, XXVIII:61-70

***The Order of Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from this order as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.  
Learn by heart the catechism and hymn each week.*

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

## Psalm – 33:12-22

### The Catechism – *The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Third Part*

*How can water do such great things?*

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." *Titus 3:5-8*

### Daily Readings:

Sunday, June 18 – John 17:1-26

Monday, June 19 – John 18:1-14

Tuesday, June 20 – John 18:15-40

Wednesday, June 21 – John 19:1-22

Thursday, June 22 – John 19:23-42

Friday, June 23 – John 20:1-18

Saturday, June 24 – John 20:19-31 (*Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist; suggested add'l reading: Luke 1:57-80*)

**Meditation** (*If you are using another devotional tool, such as Portals of Prayer, this would be an appropriate place to insert it*)

### Prayers

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, turn your eyes in mercy towards us...behold, visit, and relieve all Your servants who stand in need of prayer:

St. John's Lutheran Church  
The Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod  
The Rev. Matthew Harrison  
The Atlantic District  
The Rev. Derek Lecakes  
Concordia Theological  
Seminary, Ft. Wayne  
The Rev. Lawrence Rast  
Concordia Seminary, St.  
Louis  
The Rev. Dale Meyer  
Concordia College – New  
York  
The Rev. John Nunes  
The Concordia University  
System  
Lutheran Parochial Schools  
Our Sister Churches  
All Pastors, Missionaries,  
and Church Workers  
The United States of  
America  
President Donald Trump  
Governor Andrew Cuomo  
U.S. Military Personnel  
All Fire, Police, and EMS  
workers and volunteers  
Alfred Rodemann  
Louise Blydenburgh  
Dianne Ferremi  
Richard Meltsner  
Madison Coffey  
William Rossiter  
Stacy Harris

Thelma Stegemann  
Tom Conte  
Marie Conte  
Rosemary Merrill  
Patrice Vitalino  
Thelma DeJoseph  
Al DeJoseph  
David Bayley  
Suzanne Weil  
Pat Simmons  
Ernie Getzelman  
Jane Simmons  
Andrew Brooks  
Ike Edwards  
Alison Ruddick  
James Stegemann  
Marion Werth  
Lorraine Keller  
Larry Dimiceli  
Denise Chapman  
Doris Peters-Ferrara  
Aline Duval  
Larry Harris  
Mary Catherine Sinkis  
Anita Grube  
John Kelly  
Nancy Merrihue  
Allison Miller  
Michael Spreckels  
Rose Carrano  
Laura Smeallie  
Frances Flanagan  
Susan Duffy  
Richard Duffy  
Marge Glass

Bubby Verspoor  
Irene Jones  
Joanne Saliani  
Bonnie McGrann  
Lindsey McGrann  
Juan Andra  
Donald Duval  
Kevin Edwards  
Patrick Tansey  
Jenna Wallace  
Jordan Schildt  
Lauren Schneeberg  
Charles Tichy  
Anthony Lananna  
Derich Suckow  
Lenny Kiesling  
Alyssa Hayes  
Susan Voegel  
Art Pabst  
Hannah Wise  
Cindy Holden  
John Wevers  
Geraldyn Morgan  
Peter DiMartini  
Donna Romandi  
Tony Coppola  
Evelyn Cardimone  
Theresa Dunn  
The Rev. Brian & Kristin  
Noack  
The Rev. Jimmy & Yasuyo  
Coffey  
Ann Inoue

Look upon them with your grace and favor; grant them comfort and a sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

### 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.

### Hymn for the Week – *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

*LSB #708, st. 2*

Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And help and serve my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
Let Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.

### Closing Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Looking ahead for The Second Sunday after Trinity:

*Proverbs 9:1-10*

*Ephesians 2:13-22*

*Luke 14:15-24*