

	Prayer Readings, Revised Common Lectionary (Year A)	October 2023
<p>Tues. Oct. 3, 2023 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thur. Oct. 5, 2023 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Pslam 19 The law of Love is perfect, reviving the soul; The testimony of Love is sure, making wise the simple; The precepts of Love are right, rejoicing the heart; The authority of Love is pure, enlightening the eyes; The spirit of Love is glorious, enduring forever; The rites of Love are true, awakening compassion. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them are the loving guided; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own weaknesses? Cleanse me, O Love, from all my hidden faults. Keep me from boldly acting in error; let my fears and illusions not have dominion over me! Then shall I become a beneficial presence, freely and fully surrendered to your Love. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart find favor in your Heart O my Beloved, my strength and my joy! -Psalms for Praying, Nan C. Merrill</p>	<p>Psalm 19 The being and beauty of the universe declares the Glory of God. No words are necessary. Contemplation of nature revives my soul.</p> <p>When I view this as unspoken teaching, I am wise. When I align myself with Love my heart rejoices This enlightenment is more to be desired than gold. It is sweeter than honey, and my great reward.</p> <p>Cleanse me of my secret faults and presumptuous sins. “Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O God my strength and my redeemer”. -Christine Robinson, <i>Psalms for a New World</i></p> <p>Psalm 19 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims the maker’s handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. -NRSV</p>
<p>Wed. Oct. 4, 2023 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of God has done this? In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being. -Job 12:7-10 NRSV</p>	

<p>Tues. Oct. 10, 2023 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thur. Oct. 12, 2023 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters; You restore my soul, O God and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. -Evangelical Lutheran Worship</p>	<p>Psalm 23 O my Beloved, You are my shepherd, I shall not want; You bring me to green pastures for rest and lead me beside still waters renewing my spirit; You restore my soul. You lead me in the path of goodness to follow Love's way. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I am not afraid; For You are ever with me; your rod and your staff they guide me, they give me strength and comfort. You prepare a table before me in the presence of all my fears; you bless me with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever. Amen. -Psalms for Praying, Nan C. Merrill</p>
<p>Wed. Oct. 11, 2023 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. -Philippians 4:8 NRSV</p>	
<p>Tues. Oct. 17, 2023 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thurs. Oct. 19, 2023 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalm 96 Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary... Let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it ... all the trees of the forest sing for joy ... -Psalm 96: 6, 11b, 12b NRSV</p>	<p>Psalm 96 Sing a new song to the Holy One with all the names and none. Proclaim our joy and thanksgiving for creation, for life, for growth, for love. Turn your face to the light. rejoice in God. Worship God in the beauty of holiness let the whole earth tremble in awe. Call out— There's this beautiful world and all the life in it. and there's the rule of law in our hearts and Love at the heart of it All. The heavens rejoice, The earth dances The seas roil with life, The fields are glad The trees of the wood shout for joy. -Christine Robinson, Psalms for a New World</p>

<p>Wed. Oct. 18, 2023 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers ...</p> <p>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, ... you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit ...</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 1:2, 4a, 6b NRSV</p>	
<p>Tues. Oct. 24, 2023 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thurs. Oct. 26, 2023 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalms 1 Blessed are those who walk hand in hand with goodness, who stand beside virtue, who sit in the seat of truth; for their delight is in the spirit of love, and in Love's heart they dwell day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, that yield fruit into season, and their leaves flourish; and in all they do, they give life. -Psalms for Praying, Nan Merrill</p> <p>Psalm 1 Happy are those who do not sit in the seat of scoffers ... they are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season ... Psalm 1:1ac, 3a -NRSV</p>	<p>Pslam 1 Happy are they who know good and do good. Their love for the good feeds them continually. They are like trees planted near the river, whose roots go deep and wide. They thrive, bear fruit in season, and weather drought without wilting. Those who are not so grounded will blow around like dry leaves in the wind. Root yourself in Good, and live. -Christine Robinson, Psalms for a New World</p>
<p>Wed. Oct. 25, 2023 Lectio</p>	<p>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share not only the gospel of God ...</p> <p>but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. 1 Thessalonians 2:8</p>	<p>... one of them ... asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." -Matthew 22:35-40 NRSV</p>

<p>Tues. Oct. 31, 2023 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thur. Nov. 2, 2023 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalm 34:1-8</p> <p>I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.</p> <p>I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.</p> <p>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.</p> <p>I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.</p> <p>Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be downcast.</p> <p>I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles...</p> <p>Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!</p> <p>-Evangelical Lutheran Worship</p>	<p>Pslam 34</p> <p>Taste and See that God is good. How exactly do I do this? By opening my heart in gratitude and praise for all the gifts of life.</p> <p>By focusing on the astounding intricacy of the world. By attending to the still small voices of healing and renewal which save me in times of trouble.</p> <p>And by loving life and honoring that gift, speaking truth, doing good, seeking peace.</p> <p>When I serve the highest I know I serve whatever God there is.</p> <p>The joy of this, no matter what my troubles, will keep me whole.</p> <p>-Christine Robinson, Psalms for a New World</p>
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