

	Prayer Readings, Revised Common Lectionary (Year A)	September 2023
<p>Tues. Sept 5, 2023 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thur. Sept. 7, 2023 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalm 119: 33-37 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. Turn my eyes from be-holding falsehood; give me life in your way. From Evangelical Lutheran Worship</p>	<p>Psalm 119:33-37 Help me to know, O Teacher, the path to follow; lead the way and I will come. In your love is the power to calm the storms of adversity; show me the power of your forgiving Love. O that I might learn to bless others selflessly, to be a silent benediction! Incline my heart to Love Consciousness, and not to gain! Turn my eyes from the world's temptations, and birth me into new Life. From Psalms for Praying, Nan C. Merrill</p>
<p>Wed. Sept. 6, 2023 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20</p>	
<p>Tues. Sept. 12, 2023 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thur. Sept. 14, 2023 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalm 103: 1-5, 8, 10-12 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's... Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love... As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us. From Evangelical Lutheran Worship</p>	<p>Psalm 103: 1-11 Bless the Beloved, O my soul, and all that is within me; I bless your Holy Name! Bless the beloved, O my soul, and remember the goodness of Love. You forgive our iniquities, you heal our disease, you save us from the snares of fear, you crown us with steadfast love and mercy, you satisfy our need and renew our spirit like the eagle's. Through you comes peace and justice for all who are oppressed. You make known the pathway of truth, and guide us on the Way. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You love us more than we can ask or imagine; in truth, we belong to You. From Psalms for Praying, Nan C. Merrill</p>

<p>Wed. Sept. 13, 2023 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back ... and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day... Exodus 14: 21, 22, 30a</p>	
<p>Tues. Sept. 19, 2023 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thurs. Sept. 21, 2023 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalm 145 O God, my God, mighty and majestic. I will praise you to the heights, I will bless your name forever. I will bless you every day and praise your name forever. Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond all measure. Age to age will praise your works and proclaim your mighty deeds. I will meditate on your splendor and glory; I will ponder the story of your wonders. People will speak of your awesome power, and I shall tell of your greatness. They will recall your abundant goodness; age to age will ring out your justice. You are gracious and compassionate, patient and ever faithful. Your compassion rests on every creature; how good you are to all. Let your creatures thank you, God, and your loyal servants bless you. Let them speak of your glorious reign, and declare your power, O God. Let them make known to the whole human race the glory and might of your reign. Yours is an everlasting dominion; your rule lasts for all generations. You are just in all your ways; and gracious in all your deeds. You are close to all who call on you, who call on you from their heart. From Iona Abbey Worship Book</p>	<p>Psalm 145 I exalt you, Holy One, and open my heart to you by remembering your great love. Your expansiveness made this beautiful world in a universe too marvelous to understand. Your desire created life, and you nurtured that life with your spirit. You cherish us all—and your prayer in us is for our own flourishing. You are gracious to us slow to anger and full of kindness You touch us with your love—speak to us with your still, small voice, hold us when we fall. You lift up those who are oppressed by systems and circumstances. You open your hand and satisfy us. You ask us to call on you— and even when you seem far away, our longings call us back to you. Hear my cry, O God, for some days, it is all I have. BY CHRISTINE ROBINSON</p>

<p>Wed. Sept. 20, 2023 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>Psalm 145:14-18 The eyes of all wait upon you, O God, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing... You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works. You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully. From Evangelical Lutheran Worship</p>	
<p>Tues. Sept. 26, 2023 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thurs. Sept. 28, 2023 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Psalm 104: 24-28, 30 How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.</p>	