

909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness,
Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within these walls today.
- 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful
All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever
With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.
- D 4 Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!

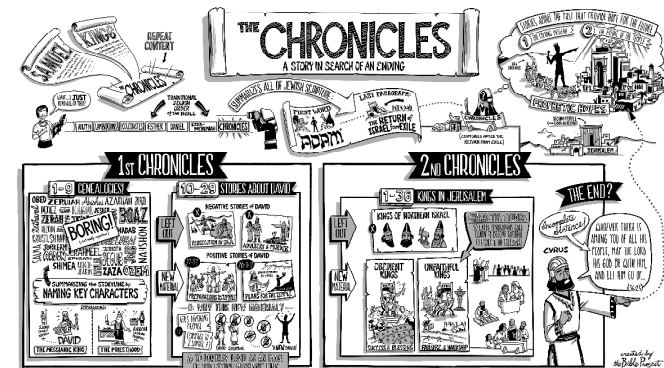
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The Congregation at Prayer The Whole Story

2025

A Daily Devotional
St. Paul LCMS, Ida Grove, IA



Week #40-The Whole Story
15th Week after Trinity

September 28-October 5, 2025

Start Every Day

*"In the Name of the Father, and + of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen"*

recite **APOSTLE'S CREED**

VERSE: Romans 5:3-5 ***“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character, produces hope, and hope does not puts us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”***

CATECHISM—Ten Commandments: Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

PRAYER of the WORD

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, without Your help our labor is useless, and without Your light our search is in vain. Invigorate our study of Your holy Word that, by due diligence and right discernment, we may establish ourselves and others in Your holy faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, September 28

- Read 2 Chronicles 4-6

Monday, September 29

- Read 2 Chronicles 7-9

Tuesday, September 30

- Read 2 Chronicles 10-12

Luther’s Morning Prayer

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.

Luther’s Evening Prayer

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.

suppose that the justice he possessed in the past was destroyed by the fact that he committed this sin and was reproved by the prophet, it is written subsequently of Uzziah, his descendant, that Jehu found him lying in Samaria, and, when he was brought in, he killed him: "And they buried him," he says, "because he was the son of Jehoshaphat, who has sought the Lord with all his heart." AGAINST THE PELAGIANS 2.21.⁴

Sunday, October 5

- Read **2 Chronicles 25-27**

End Every Day

Pray the *Collect for 15th Sunday after Trinity*

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Personal Prayers

pray **LORD'S PRAYER**

⁴ Conti, Marco, and Gianluca Pilara, eds. 2008. [1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther](#). Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Wednesday, October 1

- Read **2 Chronicles 13-15**

JEROME: (2 Chronicles 15:2) When we have been baptized we are told, "Behold, you are made whole; sin no more lest a worse thing happen to you." And again, "Don't you know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone profanes the temple of God, God shall destroy him."³ And in another place, "The Lord is with you so long as you are with him: if you forsake him, he will also forsake you." Where is the person, do you suppose, in whom as in a shrine and sanctuary the purity of Christ is permanent and in whose case the serenity of the temple is saddened by no cloud of sin? We cannot always have the same countenance, though the philosophers falsely boast that this was the experience of Socrates; how much less can our minds be always the same! As people have many facial expressions, so also do the feelings of their hearts vary. If it were possible for us to be always immersed in the waters of baptism, sins would fly over our heads and leave us untouched. The Holy Spirit would protect us. But the enemy assails us, and when conquered he does not depart but is ever lying in ambush, that he may secretly shoot the upright in heart. AGAINST THE PELAGIANS 3.1.¹

¹ Conti, Marco, and Gianluca Pilara, eds. 2008. [1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther](#). Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Thursday, October 2

- Read **2 Chronicles 16-18**

JEROME: (2 Chronicles 17:3-6) Of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, it is written, “And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, who walked in the first ways of David, his father.” From this it is clear that Jehoshaphat possessed the justice that David first possessed and that he did not commit the sins that David later committed. “He trusted not in Baalim,” he says, “but in the God of his father and walked in his commandments, and not according to the sins of Israel. And the Lord established the kingdom in his hand and all Judah brought presents to Jehoshaphat. And he acquired immense wealth and riches and much glory.” “And when his heart had taken courage for the ways of the Lord, he took away also the high places and the groves out of Judah.” AGAINST THE PELAGIANS 2.21.²

Friday, October 3

- Read **2 Chronicles 19-21**

AUGUSTINE: (2 Chronicles 21:16-17) Just read the books of Paralipomenon and this is what you will find written in the second book: “And the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and of the Arabians who border on the Ethiopians. And they came up to the land of Judah

² Conti, Marco, and Gianluca Pilara, eds. 2008. [1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther.](#)

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and wasted it, and they carried away all substance that was found in the king’s house.” Here we have a clear indication of how God stirs up enemies to lay waste those countries that he judges to be deserving of such punishment. And yet, was it not of their own will that the Philistines and Arabs came to lay waste the country of Judah? Or did they so come of their own will that the Scripture lies where it tells us that the Lord stirred up their spirit to do so? On the contrary. Both statements are true because they did come of their own will and God did stir up their spirit. The same thing could also be expressed by saying that God both stirred up their spirit and that they came nevertheless of their own will. For the Almighty, who cannot possibly will anything unjust, is able to set in motion even the inclinations of their will in human hearts in order to accomplish through these people whatever he wishes to achieve through their agency. ON GRACE AND FREE WILL 21.42.³

Saturday, October 4

- Read **2 Chronicles 22-24**

JEROME: (2 Chronicles 22:8-9) The Lord established the kingdom in Jehoshaphat’s hand, and all Judah brought presents to him. And he acquired immense wealth and riches and much glory.... And, lest we

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