

**1** **Invocation** *make the sign of the cross and say...*

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

**2** **The 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  
Christian church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting. Amen .

**3** **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**4** **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.

## 5 Mealtime Blessing and then afterwards Returning Thanks

### *Blessing before meal*

“The eyes of all look to You, [O LORD,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.” (Ps. 145: 15–16)

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### *Returning Thanks after meal*

“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.” (Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9–11)

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

## 6 Pray the Psalms

General Wk. 3	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	67, 150	57, 145	54, 146	65, 147:1-11	143, 147:12-20	88, 148	122, 149
Evening	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 20	125, 90

## 7 Verse for Upcoming Sunday: **Isaiah 40:8**

Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia.

## 8 Daily Lectionary Readings

**Sunday** .....Numbers 14:26-45; Acts 15:1-12; Luke 12:49-56

**Monday** .....Numbers 16:1-19; Romans 3:21-31; Matthew 19:13-22

**Tuesday** .....Numbers 16:20-35; Romans 4:1-12; Matthew 19:23-30

**Wednesday** ....Numbers 16:36-50; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 20:1-16

**Thursday** .....Numbers 17:1-11; Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 20:17-28

**Friday** .....Numbers 20:1-13; Romans 5:12-21; Matthew 20:29-34

**Saturday** .....Numbers 20:14-29; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 21:1-11

## **9** The Collect for Upcoming Sunday

**Proper 10** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **10** Catechism Portion for the Week

**The Eighth Commandment, *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.***  
– The Lord commands us to speak truthfully and charitably about our neighbors so that others view them in the best possible light. This a matter of upholding their reputation. Our neighbor’s well-being depends on having a good name. It will affect his being able to be employed. It will affect how well she will be welcomed in community, that is, having good friends and neighbors. Our Lord set a good example by the words that He spoke about the woman who anointed Him with expensive nard in the home of Simon at Bethany. You can read about it in Mark 14:3-9. There were those present at that time who maligned the woman for extravagant waste of expensive ointment. But Jesus came to her defense and praised her for her devotion. As Christians, we seek to improve and protect the good name of others so that people will think well of them.

## **11** Portion of the Catechism and Luther’s Explanation

### **What is the Eighth Commandment?**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

### **What does this mean?**

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

## 12

### Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

**Prayer based on Eighth Commandment:** Guard our lips, O Lord, and govern our unruly tongues so that our words about our neighbors are not tainted with falsehood, betrayal, or slander, which would damage their reputation. Instead, give us the wisdom to speak well of our neighbors, defend them, and explain their circumstances and actions in the kindest way; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 114]

## 13

### Intercessory Prayer

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| ✝ For Ron Kuehn receiving chemotherapy for cancer.                       | ✝ For Butch Fisher recently diagnosed with stomach cancer. |
| ✝ For Carolyn Webber (Mary Bartos' sister) recovering from a broken leg. |  |

## 14

### Upcoming Sunday Lessons and Selected Hymn

**For July 12, 2026, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 55:10-13** God's Word will accomplish what He desires. **Psalm 65:1-13** "They shout ... for joy." **Romans 8:12-17** "All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."; **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** Parable of the sower of the seed

**584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing:** *stnz 1* Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord, Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad. Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found, Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground. *stnz 2* May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain, Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain. So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard. Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word. Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926–2024 Text: © 1997 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 130404864