

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

Easter	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	93, 150	97; 145	98, 146	99, 147:1-11	47, 147:12-20	96, 148	92, 149
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	9, 118	68, 113	49, 138	23, 114

7 Verse for Upcoming Sunday: **Romans 6:9; John 16:33b**

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

8 Daily Lectionary Readings

SundayLeviticus 8:1-13, 30-36; Hebrews 12:1-14; Luke 4:16-30

MondayLeviticus 16:1-19; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

TuesdayLeviticus 16:20-34; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15

WednesdayLeviticus 19:1-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28; Matthew 6:19-24

ThursdayLeviticus 19:26-37; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12; Matthew 6:25-34

FridayLeviticus 23:1-22; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17; Matthew 7:1-12

SaturdayLeviticus 23:23-44; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18; Matthew 7:13-21

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The Collect for Upcoming Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Catechism Portion for the Week

Holy Communion the Third Question “How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?” – All the way through Scripture we encounter the power of God’s Word. Starting with the very act of creation, God spoke things into existence through His Word. That is, He spoke, and it came to pass. He said, “let there be...” and that which He spoke came to be. The Prophet Isaiah in the 55th Chapter of the Book assigned to him, has the Lord colorfully saying that His Word comes down from heaven just like rain and snow. Coming down, it therefore is indeed His Word. And just like rain and snow producing growth and harvest for the earth, the Lord said His Word accomplishes what He purposes and prospers in what He intends. Jesus demonstrated in Mark 4 when caught in a furious storm on the sea that His words were indeed the Word of God! For His words calmed the storm and the seas. So, when Jesus says *take and eat, drink, this is given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins* we might expect that His instruction and promise will accomplish exactly what He says. As Christians, we confess that the words of our Lord Jesus do just what they say. “What Christ’s lips say and speak, so it is” (Luther’s Large Catechism).

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Portion of the Catechism and Luther’s Explanation

3 How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

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Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on Holy Communion the Third Question “How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?” - Lord Jesus Christ, You give Your body and blood under bread and wine that we may know with certainty that our sins are forgiven by Your atoning sacrifice on the cross. Grant us so to eat Your body and drink Your blood, trusting in Your words that we may receive what You declare - the forgiveness of sins - and so live in You even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen [from Luther’s Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 337]

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Intercessory Prayer

- ✝ For Ron Kuehn receiving chemotherapy for cancer. (sister) recovering from a broken leg.
- ✝ For Carolyn Webber (Mary Bartos’

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Upcoming Sunday Lessons and Selected Hymn

For May 10, 2026, Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 17:16-31 “He made from one man every nation of mankind ... that they should seek God.” **Psalms 66:8-20** “Let the sound of His praise be heard.” **1 Peter 3:13-22** The water of Baptism save you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.; **John 14:15-21** “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice: *stnz 1* Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict’ry won. What price our ransom cost Him! *stnz 2* Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o’er me. Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me. But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me. *stnz 3* My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining; Free will against God’s judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining. My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered. *stnz 4* But God had seen my wretched state Before the world’s foundation, And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation. He turned to me a father’s heart; He did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure. *stnz 5* God said to His beloved Son: “It’s time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever.” *stnz 6* The Son obeyed His Father’s will, Was born of virgin mother; And God’s good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother. His royal pow’r disguised He bore; A servant’s form, like mine, He wore To lead the devil captive. *stnz 7* To me He said: “Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle. Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us. *stnz 8* “Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving, All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing. Life will from death the vict’ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever. *stnz 9* “Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav’n ascending, And, heav’nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending; In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you. *stnz 10* “What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching; So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought And honored in your preaching. But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav’nly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you.” Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Text: Public domain