

11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

2. What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

Prayer based on Holy Communion the Second Question “What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?” - Lord Jesus Christ, You suffered in Your holy body and shed Your precious blood to redeem Your fallen creatures. Grant us to come often to Your Supper, trusting in Your promise, and so to receive to our everlasting benefit the gifts You give in Your body and blood: the forgiveness of our sins, life with You, and eternal salvation; for Your 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. 334]

13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- ⇒ For President John Wille being treated for Prostate Cancer
- ⇒ For Merlin Wangen in Memory Care at Spring Brook Assisted Living
- ⇒ For Carol Peterson with lung congestion and difficulty breathing
- ⇒ For Renata Rislow, Tom Rislow’s mom, recovering from a broken hip.
- ⇒ For Amy Wieman, David Bjornstad’s niece, with a recently diagnosed cancer.

14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying: *stnz 1* “Wake, awake, for night is flying.” The watchmen on the heights are crying; “Awake, Jerusalem, arise!” Midnight hears the welcome voices And at the thrilling cry rejoices: “Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.” *stnz 2* Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing; She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all-glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris’n, her light is come. Now come, Thou Blessèd One, Lord Jesus, God’s own Son, Hail! Hosanna! We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call. *stnz 3* Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee With harp and cymbals’ clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal, Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne. No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory; Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

For November 19, 25th Sunday after Pentecost: Zephaniah 1:7-16 “The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast.”; **Psalm 90:1-12** “Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”; **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** “The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”; **Matthew 25:14-30** The parable of the talents



The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of 24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 12 through November 18

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 CONFESS 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 PRAY 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 PRAY THE 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 AT MEAL TIME ASK BLESSING THEN AFTERWARDS RETURN 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. 1	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103, 150	5, 145	42, 146	89:1-18; 147:1-12	116, 147:13-21	51, 148	104, 149
Evening	117, 139	82, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111

7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: Matthew 25:13

Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.

Theme of the Week: Watching for Our Lord’s Return

8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

SUN

Haggai 1:1—2:9; Acts 18:24—19:7; Luke 10:25-37

MON

Zechariah 1:7-17; Revelation 1:4-20; Matthew 12:43-50

TUE

Ezra 5:1-17; Revelation 4:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9

WED

Ezra 6:1-22; Revelation 5:1-10; Matthew 13:10-17

THU

Nehemiah 1:1-11; Revelation 5:11—6:11; Matthew 13:18-23

FRI

Nehemiah 2:1-20; Revelation 6:12—7:4; Matthew 13:24-30

SAT

Nehemiah 4:1-23; Revelation 7:4-17; Matthew 13:31-35

9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10 READ INTRODUCTION TO PORTION OF CATECHISM FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Communion the Second Question “What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?”

– In Exodus 12 we read of the Passover meal and how the blood of a sacrificial lamb benefited Israel on the eve of their departure and freedom from Egypt and enslavement. You may recall, the meat of the sacrificial lamb was eaten during a meal, and the blood from the lamb was painted on the door frames of all the Hebrew homes. That night the angel of death passed through the land of Egypt claiming the lives of all the firstborn sons in homes not marked by the blood of the sacrificial lamb. Whereas the earlier plagues effected against Egypt had not persuaded Pharaoh to let God’s people go, this final devastation did! The blood of the lamb benefited Israel with freedom from bondage. As Christians we have received a far greater treasure from Christ’s body and blood! And remember, John the Baptist had pointed to Jesus as *the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*. Further, as Christians we believe, teach, and confess that the forgiveness of sins won by Jesus is now delivered to us in the body and blood of Christ. This is the most important treasure we can receive.