

## 11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

### The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

### What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

## 12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

**Prayer based on The Introduction to the Lord's Prayer** - Heavenly Father, Your words give us boldness and confidence to acknowledge You as our true Father and ourselves as Your true children. May Your Holy Spirit lead us to trust in Your fatherly goodness, call upon Your name in every need, and glorify You as the author and giver of every good and perfect gift; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 241]

## 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 Pam Benrud being treated for breast cancer
- ⇒ For Mary Beth Greenberg with breast cancer
- ⇒ For Heather Roll with upcoming surgery and treatment for cancer.

## 14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

**470 O Sons and Daughters of the King:** *stnz 1* O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *stnz 2* That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *stnz 3* An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three, "Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *stnz 4* That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *stnz 5* When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *stnz 6* "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *stnz 7* No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *stnz 8* How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *stnz 9* On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**For April 14, 2024, Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 3:11-21** The God of Abraham . . . glorified His servant Jesus.; **Psalm 4** "You have given me relief when I was in distress.;" **1 John 3:1-7** "How great the love that we should be called children of God!"; **Luke 24:36-49** Jesus appears to the disciples.



## The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter  
April 7 through April 13

**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**

Easter	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	93, 150	97; 145	98, 146	99, 147:1-12	47, 147:13-21	96, 148	92, 149
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	9, 118	68, 113	49, 138	23, 114

**7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: Romans 6:9; John 20:29b**

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

**Theme of the Week:** The Resurrected One is Lord and God

**8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

**SUN**

Exodus 14:5-22; 1 John 1:1-7; John 14:1-7

**MON**

Exodus 14:21-31; 1 Peter 1:1-12; John 14:(1-7) 8-17

**TUE**

Exodus 15:1-21; 1 Peter 1:13-25; John 14:18-31

**WED**

Exodus 15:22--16:10; 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 15:1-11

**THU**

Exodus 16:10-22; 1 Peter 2:11--3:12; John 15:12-27

**FRI**

Exodus 16:23-36; 1 Peter 3:13--4:6; John 16:1-15

**SAT**

Exodus 17:1-16; 1 Peter 4:7-19; John 16:16-33

**9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Second Sunday of Easter** Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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**

**The Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father who art in heaven”** – The Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32 contains a most comforting image of God! Here God is pictured as welcoming home a wayward son with great joy. The wayward son merely hoped to be welcomed back to his father’s home as an unworthy servant, but the gracious father welcomes a son home whom he regarded as having been dead, but now is alive again. He welcomes the boy home as his beloved son and he throws a feast to celebrate that his lost son has been found again. This parable gives us some idea of the privilege the Almighty has given to us to address him in prayer as “Our Father”! When we go to pray we don’t have to do so as a last resort with the hope that there might be some remote chance that God will hear and answer our prayer. As baptized believers we can approach prayer with confidence. We can approach God in prayer with the confidence children have in going to their loving fathers. As Christians, we confess that God welcomes us with open arms so that we can always approach him in complete confidence as our dear Father on account of Christ, our Brother.