

The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer For the Week of the 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Reformation Observed)
October 26 through November 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.
- 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.

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.



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.



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



Pray the Psalms

General Wk 1	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103, 150	5, 145	42, 146	89:1-18; 147:1-11	116, 147:12- 20	51, 148	104, 149
Evening	117, 139	82, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111



Verse of the Week: Luke 12:32

Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.



8 Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Kings 17:24-41; 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Matthew 6:25-34

Tuesday..... 2 Chron 29:1-3; 30:2-27; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40; Matthew 7:1-12

Wednesday....2 Kings 18:9-25; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Matthew 7:13-21

Thursday2 Kings 18:28-37; 1 Corinthians 9:1-15; Matthew 7:22-29

Friday......2 Kings 19:1-20; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Matthew 8:1-17

Saturday.........2 Kings 19:21-36; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Matthew 8:18-27



The Collect for the Week

Reformation Sunday Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Catechism Portion for the Week

The Second Article (Part 2) of the Apostles' Creed – In Luke 23:32-53 we read of the two criminals that were crucified with Jesus. One of the criminals railed at Jesus. But the other rebuked the first and said, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." He went on to plead that Jesus remember him when He entered his kingdom. To which Jesus replied, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Here we see most vividly how Jesus willingly suffered and died to overcome our sin. What matters is that we recognize that we are lost and justly condemned sinners and that Jesus is an innocent sufferer whose unjust death takes away our sin and consequently grants us life and salvation. As Christians, we confess that Jesus became our Lord by dying on the cross in order to rescue us from our bondage to sin, death, and the devil.



Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

The Second Article

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What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all

sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.



Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on the Second Article (Part 2) of the Apostles' Creed - Lord Jesus Christ, my Brother and Savior, I praise You for rescuing me from sin, death, and the devil's power by Your innocent suffering and death. Thank You for Your great love and undeserved sacrifice that won me, a lost and condemned creature, to be Yours. Give me faith to trust Your reconciling work and live in the knowledge of Your salvation; for 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. 187]



Intercessory Prayer

- For Lee Fehr recovering from a heart attack.
- ♣ For Madison Mallen (granddaughter of Connie Meunier's cousin with liver
- cancer)
- For Fred Rick with Sciatic Stenosis



Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

645 Built on the Rock: *stnz 1* Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest everlasting. *stnz 2* Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling; High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love, Making our bodies His temple. *stnz 3* We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation. He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation. Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell With all His grace and His favor. *stnz 4* Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us. The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us. Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, And evermore, our Redeemer. *stnz 5* Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing, Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing: "I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see. My peace I leave with you. Amen." Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt. Text: Public domain

For November 2, 2025, Observed as All Saints' Day: Revelation 7:2-17 The great multitude in white robes; Psalm 149 "The LORD takes pleasure in His people."; 1 John 3:1-3 "See what kind of love the Father has given to us."; Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes