

## 11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

### What benefits does God give in Baptism:

In Baptism God forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what he has promised.

### What is God's promise?

In Mark 16 our Lord Jesus Christ says: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

## 12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

### Prayer based on Holy Baptism the Second Question "What benefits does God give in Baptism?"

Lord Jesus Christ, You have forgiven our sins by Your blood, rescued us from Satan, and won for us eternal life and salvation in Your resurrection. As You bestow these gifts in Baptism, grant that in life and death we may always cling to our Baptism, trusting in Your promises, and finally be brought into Your heavenly kingdom. Amen [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 296]

## 13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- ⇒ For Carol Halderson coping with dementia
- ⇒ For Buff Peterson coping with pulmonary functioning
- ⇒ For Janet Sisul being cared for
- ⇒ For Lisa Cash in caring for her parents, Daniel and Marion
- ⇒ For Butch Fisher recovering from hip replacement surgery

## 14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** LBW 328: *stnz 1* All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angles prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all, Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all *stnz 5* Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.

**For December 1**, First Sunday in Advent: **Isaiah 2:1-5** "They shall beat their swords into plowshares."; **Psalms 122** "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem"; **Romans 13:8-14** "The hour has come to wake from slumber. The night is nearly over."; **Matthew 24:36-44** "Watch, therefore, because you do not know the day."



## The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of Christ the King Sunday  
November 24 through November 30

**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,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord. He was conceived by the power of the  
Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried. He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again. He ascended  
into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father. He will come again to judge the  
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic 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.* We give thanks to you,  
heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ  
your dear Son, that you have protected  
us through the night from all danger and  
harm. We ask you to preserve and keep  
us, this day also, from all sin and evil,  
that in all our thoughts, words and deeds  
we may serve and please you. Into your  
hands we commend our bodies and souls  
and all that is ours. Let your holy angels  
have charge of us, that the wicked one  
have no power over us. Amen.

*Evening.* We give thanks to you,  
heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ  
your dear Son, that you have this day so  
graciously protected us. We beg you to  
forgive us all our sins and the wrong  
which we have done. By your great  
mercy defend us from all the perils and  
dangers of this night. Into your hands we  
commend our bodies and souls and all  
that is ours. Let your holy angels have  
charge of us, that the wicked one have  
no power over us. Amen

**5 AT MEAL TIME ASK BLESSING THEN AFTERWARDS RETURN THANKS**

*Blessing before meal*

“The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of every living creature.” [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, for his mercy endures forever. He gives food to all creatures. He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry. He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man; but the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.” [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**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103, 150	5, 145	42, 146	89:1-18; 147:1-12	97, 147:13-21	51, 148	104, 149
Evening	117, 139	82, 29	102, 33	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111

**7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: Luke 23:42-43**

“And he [one of the criminals] said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ And he [Jesus] said to him, ‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’”

**Theme of the Week:** The Returning King of Heaven

**8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

**SUN**

Isaiah 19:19-25; Romans 15:5-13; Luke 19:11-27

**MON**

Joel 3:1-2, 9-17; 1 Peter 1:1-12; Matthew 19:1-12

**TUE**

Nahum 1:1-13; 1 Peter 1:13-25; Matthew 19:13-22

**WED**

Obadiah 15-21; 1 Peter 2:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

**THU**

Zephaniah 3:1-13; 1 Peter 2:11-25; Matthew 20:1-16

**FRI**

Isaiah 24:14-23; 1 Peter 3:13—4:6; Matthew 20:17-28

**SAT**

Micah 7:11-30; 1 Peter 4:7-19; Matthew 20:29-34

**9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**10 READ INTRODUCTION TO PORTION OF CATECHISM FOR THIS WEEK**

**Holy Baptism the Second Question “What benefits does God give in Baptism?”** – In response to the Apostle Peter’s sermon on the Day of Pentecost we read, “the people were cut to the heart.” They therefore asked, “What shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (see Acts 2:37-41) Here we see that Baptism is far more than a human religious ceremony. It does not belong in the category of a work we offer to God. Instead it is a rich treasure included in God’s Word! It is a treasure offered to us in faith. And if it offers us forgiveness, a cleansing of our sins, then it most certainly offers us life and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sin there is also life and salvation. As Christians, we confess, “I am baptized! God promises that because I have been washed with ‘water with the Word’ (Ephesians 5:26), He has forgiven and saved me. I can trust His promises.” God promises that wonderful gifts from Christ’s victory on the Cross are delivered in Baptism - the Holy Spirit, forgiveness, belonging as a child of God today, and the resurrection of the body to eternal life when Christ returns.