

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

General Wk 2	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	19, 150	135, 145	123, 146	15; 147:1-12	116, 147:13-21	130, 148	56, 149
Evening	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 63

7 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

Sunday1 Samuel 17:50-18:4; Romans 10:4-17; Matthew 23:29-39

Monday1 Samuel 18:5-30; Acts 11:19-30; Mark 1:29-45

Tuesday1 Samuel 19:1-24; Acts 12:1-17; Mark 2:1-12

Wednesday1 Samuel 20:1-23; Acts 12:18-25; Mark 2:13-22

Thursday 1 Samuel 20:24-42; Acts 13:1-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

Friday 1 Samuel 21:1-15; Acts 13:13-25; Mark 3:7-19a

Saturday 1 Samuel 22:1-23; Acts 13:26-43; Mark 3:19b-35

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The Collect for the Week

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14 Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Catechism Portion for the Week

The Fourth Commandment *Honor your father and your mother.* – God gives parents a unique task that serves the well-being of all society. Luther called the Office of Father and Mother the highest in the land. He notes that of the Ten Commandments, God has singled out parents as authorities to be honored. Second only to the fear, love, and trust of God alone, God has commanded that we honor and obey our parents. And as Luther will duly instruct, parents need quite a supporting cast to help them hold society together and raise children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. This supporting cast includes Pastors, Teachers, Governing Authorities, Civic Leaders, Administrators, Law Enforcement Officers, and the like. Interestingly, even as He hung on the cross, Jesus honored His mother as He was dying. And he did so by commending her to the care of His beloved disciple (cf. Jn. 19:25-27). As with all other commandments, Jesus kept the Fourth Commandment! As Christians, we give parents special honor as God's representatives on earth – gifts of God through whom He gave us the gift of life.

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Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

What is the Fourth Commandment?

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

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Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on Fourth Commandment - Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood on earth is given: give unto us gratitude for the gifts of parents and others in authority and the humility to serve, obey, love, and cherish them as they fulfill the duties and responsibilities you have assigned to them in this life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 84]

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Intercessory Prayer

✙ For Karla Reagle (Lee Fehr's daughter) for a healthy pregnancy and delivery.

✙ For Fred Rick with Sciatic Stenosis

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Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past: *stnz 1* O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home: *stnz 2* Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure. *stnz 3* Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same. *stnz 4* A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone, Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun. *stnz 5* Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day. *stnz* O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home! Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Text: Public domain

For August 17, 2025, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15: Jeremiah 23:16-29 "Do I not fill heaven and earth? ... Is not My word like fire?"; **Psalms 119:81-88** "In Your steadfast love give me life."; **Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3** "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."; **Luke 12:49-53** I have come to bring fire and division on the earth.