The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer



A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer For the Week of the 4th Sunday after Pentecost July 6 through July 12



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.

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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

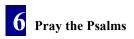
"The eyes of all look to You, [O LORD,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing." (Ps. 145: 15–16)

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



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 Verse of the Week: Luke 10:5b, 9b

Alleluia. Peace be to this house! The kingdom of God has come near to you. Alleluia.

8 Daily Lectionary Readings

SundayDeuteronomy 29:16-29; Revelation 12:1-12; Matthew 15:29-39

Monday Deuteronomy 30:1-10; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18; Luke 18:31-43

Tuesday......Deuteronomy 30:11-20; 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday....Deut. 31:30-32/14; 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33; Luke 19:11-27

ThursdaySong 1:1-3,9-11,15-16a;2:1-3a; 2Co 12:1-10; Lk 19:28-40

Friday......Song 2:8-13;4:1-4a,5-7,9-11; 2Co 12:11-21; Luke 19:41-48

Saturday......Song 5:10-16;7:1-9;8:6-7; 2 Corinthians 13:1-14; Luke 20:1-8



The Collect for the Week

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9 Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; 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

Holy Communion the Third Question "How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?" – All the way through Scripture we encounter the power of God's Word. Starting with the very act of creation, God spoke things into existence through His Word. That is, He spoke, and it came to pass. He said, "let there be…" and that which He spoke came to be. The Prophet Isaiah in the 55th Chapter of the Book assigned to him, has the Lord colorfully saying that His Word comes down from heaven just like rain and snow. Coming down, it therefore is indeed His Word. And just like rain and snow producing growth and harvest for the earth, the Lord said His Word accomplishes what He purposes and prospers in what He intends. Jesus demonstrated in Mark 4 when caught in a furious storm on the sea that His words were indeed the Word of God! For His words calmed the storm and the seas. So, when Jesus says *take and eat*, *drink*, *this is given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins* we might expect that His instruction and promise will accomplish exactly what He says. As Christians, we confess that the words of our Lord Jesus do just what they say. "What Christ's lips say and speak, so it is" (Luther's Large Catechism).



Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

3 How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

12 Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on Holy Communion the Third Question "How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?" - Lord Jesus Christ, You give Your body and blood under bread and wine that we may know with certainty that our sins are forgiven by Your atoning sacrifice on the cross. Grant us so to eat Your body and drink Your blood, trusting in Your words that we may receive what You declare - the forgiveness of sins - and so live in You even as 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. 337]

13 Intercessory Prayer

- For Karla Reagle (Lee Fehr's daughter) for a healthy pregnancy and delivery.
- brother for the loss Natalie)✤ For Fred Rick with Sciatic Stenosis
- ✤ For Jeffrey William (Heather Roll's

14 Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It: stnz l God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ! He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price. Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity! stnz 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ! I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice. Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood? stnz 3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ! Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed. Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled, And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me! stnz 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ! When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise! Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine. stnz 5 There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure! Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure. Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising: I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise! Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671-1756; tr. Robert E. Voelker, 1957 Text: © 1991 Robert E. Voelker. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 130404864

For July 13, 2025, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10: Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18 "Love your neighbor as yourself."; Psalm 41 "Blessed is the one who considers the poor."; Colossians 1:1-14 "Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord."; Luke 10:25-37 Parable of the Good Samaritan