

The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer For the Week of the 5th Sunday after the Epiphany February 9 through February 15

- 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; 147:1-12	116, 147:13- 21	51, 148	104, 149
Evening	117, 139	82, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111



Verse of the Week: Luke 5:10b

Alleluia. Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men. Alleluia.



Daily Lectionary Readings

SundayIsaiah 57:1-13; Hebrews 12:1-6; John 7:37-46

Tuesday.....Isaiah 58:1-12; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday....Isaiah 59:1-21; 2 Timothy 1:15-2:13; Mark 10:1-16

Thursday Isaiah 60:1-21; 2 Timothy 2:14-26; Mark 10:17-31

Friday.... Isaiah 61:1-9; 2 Timothy 3:1-17; Mark 10:32-45

Saturday.......Isaiah 61:10-62:5; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Mark 10:46-52



The Collect for the Week

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 First Petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Hallowed be thy name" – Names are important. We introduce ourselves by name so that others will get to know us and relate to us. A good name, that is, a good reputation, is important if we are going to have friends, get along with our neighbors, and find gainful employment. God's good name is very important. Of course, his reputation in itself is impeccable! But for those who don't know him it is important for those of us who do know him to represent his good reputation, or name, to others. In Luke 11:9-13 Jesus teaches us to honor his Father's name by turning to him as the source of life and every good gift. And we are told that our heavenly Father wants to give us the Holy Spirit who will help us to honor his Word and to live godly lives. As Christians, we honor (hallow) God's name as Father when we call on him in faith, proclaim his love for us, and live according to his Word.



Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

The First Petition

Hallowed be thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!



Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer - Holy Father, your name is holy in itself. We pray that through the words we speak about you and through the lives we live as those marked by your sacred name in Baptism, we may never profane your name but honor it in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 245]

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Intercessory Prayer

- ⊕ Heather Wesner (Jessica
 Schoonover's sister with breast and stomach cancer)
- Pastor Mark Clements with a blood
- clot in his brain.
- For Jerrod Benrud (the son of Heide Fehr's cousin from injuries he sustained falling off a deck.



Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed: *stnz 1* Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression And rule in equity. *stnz 2* He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight. *stnz 3* He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth; Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth. Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go; And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow. *stnz 4* Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing. To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend; His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end. *stnz 5* O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand forever— That name to us is Love. Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Text: Public domain

For February 16, 2025, Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany: Jeremiah 17:5-8 Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.; Psalm 1 In the law of the Lord is their delight; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 If Christ be not raised, your faith is in vain.; Luke 6:17-26 Blessed are they.