

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 .

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.

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.

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 4	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	108, 150	62, 145	12, 146	96, 147:1-11	116, 147:12-20	84, 148	63, 149
Evening	66, 23	73, 9	36, 7	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98

7 Verse of the Week: **Matthew 28:19a, 20b**

Alleluia. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

8 Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25; Galatians 3:23-4:7; John 8:12-20

Monday1 Kings 1:1-31; Acts 26:1-23; Mark 13:14-27

Tuesday1 Kings 1:32-2:46; Acts 26:24-27:8; Mark 13:28-37

Wednesday1 Kings 3:1-15; Acts 27:9-26; Mark 14:1-11

Thursday1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 27:27-44; Mark 14:12-26

Friday1 Kings 5:1-6:1, 7; Acts 28:1-16; Mark 14:27-42

Saturday1 Kings 7:51-8:21; Acts 28:17-31; Mark 14:43-52

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The Collect for the Week

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10

Catechism Portion for the Week

The Close of the Commandments. God obviously cares about how we live our lives. Because He is the source of life and of all that exists, He wants us to cling to Him. And it should not surprise us that God jealously guards his Commandments so that all within in His creation may prosper. And even after we have failed to keep His Commandments and turn to Him for mercy, He promises us His Commandments still show how our lives are intended to be lived. As Christians we understand the Commandments to function as a curb, a mirror, and a guide. As a curb it reduces the amount of evil that might otherwise happen. As a mirror it shows us our rebellious sinfulness and our need for a Savior. And as a guide, it still reliably points the forgiven sinner in the right direction of loving God and loving and serving our neighbor.

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Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20: 5–6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

12

Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on the Close of the Commandments: Holy and merciful God, you have taught us what you would have us do and not do. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us so that He may bear fruit in our lives and that, remembering your mercies and your laws, we may grow in obedience to your will and in love for you and our neighbor. Help us to follow the example of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 127]

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Intercessory Prayer

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| ✝ For Madison Mallen (granddaughter of Connie Meunier's cousin with liver cancer) | ✝ For Fred Rick with Sciatic Stenosis |
| ✝ For Connie Meunier with a fractured left foot | ✝ For Ron Kuehn with ear/hearing issues |

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Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

730 What Is the World to Me: *stnz 1* What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure! You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be; You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me! *stnz 2* The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty. But what I truly prize Above all things is He, My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me! *stnz 3* The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers. I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be: My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me! *stnz 4* What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure, My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure, My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally. Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me! Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Text: Public domain

For September 28, 2025, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21): Amos 6:1-7 Woe to you rich!; **Psalm 146** "Praise the LORD, O my soul!"; **1 Timothy 6:6-19** "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evils."; **Luke 16:19-31** The rich man and poor Lazarus