

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

Easter	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	93, 150	97; 145	98, 146	99, 147:1-12	47, 147:13-21	96, 148	92, 149
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	9, 118	68, 113	49, 138	23, 114

7 Verse of the Week: **Romans 6:9; John 14:23**

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

8 Daily Lectionary Readings

SundayLeviticus 8:1-13, 30-36; Hebrews 12:1-14; Luke 4:16-30

MondayLeviticus 16:1-19; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

TuesdayLeviticus 16:20-34; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15

WednesdayLeviticus 19:1-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28; Matthew 6:19-24

ThursdayLeviticus 19:26-37; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12; Matthew 6:25-34

FridayLeviticus 23:1-22; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17; Matthew 7:1-12

SaturdayLeviticus 23:23-44; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18; Matthew 7:13-21

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The Collect for the Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10

Catechism Portion for the Week

The Third Petition of the Lord’s Prayer: “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” – In contemplating doing the will of God we are reminded of all the obstacles our lord Jesus Himself confronted on His journey to the cross. In Matthew 26:36-46 we witness our Lord praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. You will recall His soul was sorrowful and troubled! Understandably Jesus recoiled at the thought of the suffering that lies ahead, not only physically on the cross, but also with the prospects of bearing the sins of the world. Jesus prayed, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.” And yet He completed the prayer, “Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” Thy will be done! As His followers we too encounter many obstacles in bringing the Gospel to the world. As Christians we pray in the Third Petition that God would not allow any obstacle to stand in the way of His gracious will – namely, that His Word and kingdom be extended.

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Portion of the Catechism and Luther’s Explanation

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

12 Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer - Merciful Father, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, we acknowledge that Your good and gracious will is done without our prayer. We pray that You would defeat all that opposes Your will: the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. In Your mercy, we implore You to strengthen and keep us firm in Your Word and faith all the days of our lives and bring us at last the inheritance You have prepared for us in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 257]

13 Intercessory Prayer

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| † President John Wille (prostate cancer) | † Heather Roll (breast cancer) |
| † Merlin Wangen (memory care) | † Bev Kuehn (doctor appointment) |
| † Pam Benrud (breast cancer) | † Jen Kuehn (hip joint) |
| † Mary Beth Greenberg (breast cancer) | |

14 Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing: *stnz 1* 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia! *stnz 2* Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His Body for the feast-- Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia! *stnz 3* Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia! *stnz 4* Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia! *stnz 5* Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia! *stnz 6* Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia! *stnz 7* Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia! *stnz 8* Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

For May 5, 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:34-48 God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation.; **Psalm 98** "The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness": **1 John 5:1-8** "This is the victory that has overcome the world.;" **John 15:9-17** If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love.