

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

Christmas	12/29	12/30	12/31	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4
Morning	96, 150	93, 145	98, 146	98; 147:1-12	48, 147:13-21	111, 148	20, 149
Evening	132, 97	89:1-18; 89:19-52	45, 96	99, 8	9, 29	107, 15	93, 97

7 Verse of the Week: **Luke 2:30, 32**

Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

8 Daily Lectionary Readings

SundayIsaiah 62:6-7, 10-12; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 1:18-25

MondayIsaiah 25:1-9; Revelation 1:9-20; John 7:53-8:11

Tuesday.....Isaiah 26:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2; John 8:12-19

WednesdayGenesis 17:1-12a, 15-16; Colossians 2:6-12; John 16:23b-30

ThursdayGenesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12; John 6:35-42, 48-51

FridayGenesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22; John 10:7-17

SaturdayExodus 3:1-15; Hebrews 11:23-31; John 14:6-14

9 The Collect for the Week

First Sunday after Christmas O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, 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 Second Article (Part 2) of the Apostles' Creed – In Luke 23:32-53 we read of the two criminals that were crucified with Jesus. One of the criminals railed at Jesus. But the other rebuked the first and said, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” He went on to plead that Jesus remember him when He entered his kingdom. To which Jesus replied, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Here we see most vividly how Jesus willingly suffered and died to overcome our sin. What matters is that we recognize that we are lost and justly condemned sinners and that Jesus is an innocent sufferer whose unjust death takes away our sin and consequently grants us life and salvation. As Christians, we confess that Jesus became our Lord by dying on the cross in order to rescue us from our bondage to sin, death, and the devil.

11 Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

The Second Article

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all

sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

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Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on the Second Article (Part 2) of the Apostles' Creed - Lord Jesus Christ, my Brother and Savior, I praise You for rescuing me from sin, death, and the devil's power by Your innocent suffering and death. Thank You for Your great love and undeserved sacrifice that won me, a lost and condemned creature, to be Yours. Give me faith to trust Your reconciling work and live in the knowledge of Your salvation; for 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. 187]

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Intercessory Prayer

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| † Heather Roll (breast cancer) | stomach cancer) |
| † Jenny Whitman (friends of the Benruds paralyzed from a fall) | † Pastor Mark Clements with a blood clot in his brain. |
| † Bev Kuehn (regulating medicines and dealing with diabetes) | † Brad Benrud with blurry vision in his left eye. |
| † Heather Wesner (Jessica Schoonover's sister with breast and | |

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Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful: *stnz 1* O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him Born the king of angels:

Refrain *O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

stnz 2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain...**

stnz 3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God In the highest: **Refrain...**

stnz 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing!

Refrain... Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.; John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786 Text: Public domain

For January 5, 2025, Second Sunday after Christmas: **1 Kings 3:4-15** Solomon asks the Lord for wisdom.; **Psalms 119:97-104** The law of the Lord gives understanding and wisdom; **Ephesians 1:3-14** We are blessed through Christ.; **Luke 2:40-52** The boy Jesus in the temple.