

11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

3 How can eating and drinking do all this?

It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, *given and shed for you for the remission of sins*. These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And 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 eating and drinking do all this?” 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 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- ⇒ For Carol Halderson coping with dementia
- ⇒ For Janet Sisul being cared for
- ⇒ For Pastor Dave Steffenson battling cancer
- ⇒ For Sue Reget who suffered a brain aneurism
- ⇒ For Doris Stanke, Anne Warner’s mother, with dementia
- ⇒ For Cynthia Granger, Naomi Rislow’s sister
- ⇒ battling cancer.
- ⇒ For Phil & Pat Webber, Mary Bartos’ parents
- ⇒ For Ruth Scholze

14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

Come, Thou Almighty King LBW 522: *stnz 1* 1 Come, thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing; Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O’er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days. *stnz 2* Come, thou incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, And give thy Word success, And let thy righteousness On us descend. *stnz 3* Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev’ry heart, And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of pow’r. *stnz 4* To thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore! Thy sov’reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

For July 18, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 11): **Jeremiah 23:1-6** “I myself will gather the remnant of My flock.”; **Psalms 23** “Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”; **Ephesians 2:11-22** “You are . . . fellow citizens with God’s people.”; **Mark 6:30-44** “He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.”



The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 11 through July 17

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 CONFESS THE APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY 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 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

Evening. We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

5 AT MEAL TIME ASK BLESSING THEN AFTERWARDS RETURN THANKS

Blessing before meal

“The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of every living creature.” [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, for his mercy endures forever. He gives food to all creatures. He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry. He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man; but the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.” [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, 147:1-12	116, 147:13-21	84, 148	63, 149
Evening	66, 23	73, 9	36, 7	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98

7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: Amos 7:8b-9

Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste.”

Theme of the Week: The LORD’S Plumb Line

8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

SUN

1 Samuel 10:1-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mathew 21:23-32

MON

1 Samuel 10:17-27; Acts 7:44-8:1a; Luke 22:52-62

TUE

1 Samuel 11:1-15; Acts 8:1b-13; Luke 22:63-71

WED

1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 8:14-25; Luke 23:1-12

THU

1 Samuel 13:5-18; Acts 8:26-40; Luke 23:13-25

FRI

1 Samuel 13:19-14:15; Acts 9:1-9; Luke 23:26-31

SAT

1 Samuel 14:16-30; Acts 9:10-19a; Luke 23:32-43

9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10 READ INTRODUCTION TO PORTION OF CATECHISM FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Communion the Third Question “How can eating and drinking do all this?” – 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 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 remission 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).