

#### The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer For the Week of the Seventh Sunday of Easter June 1 through June 7

- 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**

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



# Verse of the Week: Romans 6:9; John 14:18

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.



# **Daily Lectionary Readings**

**Sunday** ......Ezekiel 3:16-27; Ephesians 2:1-10; Matthew 10:24-42

Monday ...... Ezekiel 4:1-17; Hebrews 6:1-12; Luke 9:51-62

**Tuesday....** Ezekiel 7:10-27; Hebrews 6:13-20; Luke 10:1-17

Wednesday.... Ezekiel 11:14-25; Hebrews 7:1-17; Luke 10:17-24

**Thursday** ....... Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32; Hebrews 7:18-28; Luke 10:25-37

**Friday....** Ezekiel 34:17-31; Hebrews 8:1-13; Luke 10:38-42

**Saturday**.......Ezekiel 43:1-12; Hebrews 9:1-14; Luke 11:14-23



#### The Collect for the Week

**Seventh Sunday of Easter** O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



# **Catechism Portion for the Week**

Confession: "How might we confess our sins privately?": Since, as we have previously mentioned, Private Confession has largely fallen into disuse, some encouragement may be in order. If you have a troubled conscience even after confessing your sin in prayer, private confession can be of immense comfort. It is usually helpful to call and make an appointment with the pastor. Lutheran pastors understand the importance of confidentiality, and the "seal of confession". You can rest assured that a pastor will not last very long in the parish if he fails to keep confidentiality. When making a confession to God in the hearing of a pastor, the sins to be confessed should be identified, but otherwise details are not usually important. For example, you might be confessing the sin of disobedience, unfaithfulness, theft, dishonesty, unkind words, etc. The point is confessing the root sin, not providing a lot of titillating details. You don't have to worry about how to go about the confession, as the Lutheran hymnbook has a rite of Private Confession to help guide both the pastor hearing the confession, and the penitent making the confession. The main thing is the difficult matter of humbling oneself; admitting to sinful thoughts, words, and deeds; and asking for the forgiveness so freely promised by our Lord Jesus. The climax of the practice is the direct speaking to the penitent in the stead of Christ, "Your sins are forgiven!"



#### Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

#### How might we confess our sins privately?

We may say we wish to confess our sins and to receive absolution in God's name. We may begin by saying, "I, a poor sinner, confess before God that I am guilty of many sins." Then we should name the sins that trouble us. We may close the confession with the words, "I repent of all these sins and pray for mercy, I promise to do better with God's help."



# Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

**Prayer based on Confession and Absolution:** Lord Jesus Christ, I give You thanks that my sins are forgiven before Your Father in heaven. By the Holy Spirit, give me grace to trust in Your promises and so live in the freedom and peace that You have won for me in Your death and resurrection. Amen [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 313]



#### **Intercessory Prayer**

- ♣ For Karla Reagle (Lee Fehr's daughter) for a healthy pregnancy and ♣ delivery.
  - brother for the loss Natalie)
    For Fred Rick with Sciatic Stenosis
- For Jeffrey William (Heather Roll's



# Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

**842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**: *stnz 1* 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need. *stnz 2* As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live. Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give. Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be. *stnz 3* Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of Love and Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease. By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain, Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain. *stnz 4* Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race: By your praying, by Your willing, That Your people should be one, Grant, O grant our hope's fruition; Here on earth Your will be done.

**For June 8, 2025,** The Day of Pentecost: **Genesis 11:1-9** The Tower of Babel.; **Psalm 143** "I meditate on all that You have done."; **Acts 2:1-21** The apostles receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost; **John 14:23-31** "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, ... will teach you all things."