

The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer For the Week of the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost October 27 through November 2

- 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

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



Verse of the Week: Luke 12:32

Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.



Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Micah 2:1-13; Revelation 7:1-8; Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday..... Micah 3:1-8; Revelation 7:9-17; Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday....Micah 3:9--4:5; Revelation 8:1-13; Luke 10:17-24

Thursday Micah 5:1-4, 10-15; Revelation 9:1-12; Luke 10:25-37

Friday......Micah 6:1-8; Revelation 9:13-21; Luke 10:38-42

Saturday......Micah 7:1-7; Revelation 10:1-11; Luke 11:1-13



The Collect for the Week

Reformation Sunday Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Catechism Portion for the Week

The Sixth Commandment You shall not commit adultery. - In Genesis 1 we read, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them (v 27)." And then in Genesis 2:18-25 we read more specifically of the harmonizing and corresponding (complementary) relationship between men and women, especially between a man and a woman in marriage. There we read of how it is not good for the man to be alone. Humans are created for community and fellowship, first and foremost for fellowship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But even among other created beings we were meant for community, the fellowship of which all the other animals are not fully suitable. So God fashioned the first woman from the first man's side and presented the woman to the man as a "helper fit for him" (v 18). And then God formed the first of three important institutions that humans participate in, that of marriage and the family. And we read, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (v 24). Later, God would establish civil and religious communities. As Christians, we cherish marriage as the union of our different yet complementary natures as male and female. We accordingly are to think, talk, and act in ways that reflect God's good purposes for it.



Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

What is the Sixth Commandment?

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.



Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on Sixth Commandment – Holy Lord, you instituted marriage in Eden, and by your Word you uphold and protect this blessed union of man and woman in one flesh. Cause us to honor marriage and put away from us all sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that would dishonor and distort the gift of marriage. Bless all married couples with faithfulness. Hear the prayers of all who seek a godly spouse, and give to us all purity and decency in all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 104]



Intercessory Prayer

- ★ Kathy Schmitz (sister-in-law of Naomi Rislow with cancer)
- Jenny Whitman (friends of the Benruds paralyzed from a fall)
- Bev Kuehn (regulating medicines and dealing with diabetes)
- The Bartos' family at the death of Mary's mother, Pat Webber.
- ♣ Heather Wesner (Jessica Schoonover's sister with breast and stomach cancer)



Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God: *stnz 1* A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious; He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe. With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal. *stnz 2* No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He, Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious. *stnz 3* Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us, We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot over-pow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage. His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him. *stnz 4* God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it; For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever! Text: tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 130404864

For November 3, 2024, All Saints' Sunday: Revelation 7:2-17 The great multitude in white robes; Psalm 149 "The Lord takes pleasure in His people."; 1 John 3:1-3 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!; Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes