

The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer For the Week of the 20th Sunday after Pentecost October 6 through October 12

- 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.

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

136:1, 25; 147:9–11)



Pray the Psalms

General Wk 1	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103, 150	5, 145	42, 146	89:1-18; 147:1-12	116, 147:13- 21	51, 148	104, 149
Evening	117, 139	82, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111



Verse of the Week: Mark 10:14b

Alleluia. Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.



8 Daily Lectionary Readings

Tuesday..... Hosea 2:16-23; Acts 21:1-14; Luke 5:12-26

Wednesday....Hosea 3:1-5; Acts 21:15-26; Luke 5:27-39

Thursday Hosea 4:1-10; Acts 21:27-36; Luke 6:1-11

Friday....Hosea 4:11-19; Acts 21:37--22:16; Luke 6:12-26

Saturday...........Hosea 5:1-7; Acts 22:17-29; Luke 6:27-38



The Collect for the Week

Sundays after Pentecost Proper 22 Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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 Third Commandment Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. – God graciously knows we need rest. Even more importantly, He knows without rest we will not be able to reflect on His Word. It is in reflecting on His Word that we receive His forgiveness. And His forgiveness, more than anything else, is able to strengthen our faith in Him. Our Lord Jesus had an interesting comment to make while he was a guest in the home of Martha and Mary. You can read all about it in Luke 10:38-42. He addresses His comment to Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled by many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary (Martha's sister) has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." For you see, Martha was so busy serving, that unlike Mary, she had not taken the time to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him! As Christians, God's Word leads us to delight in His wondrous works of creation and redemption. We therefore take pains not to neglect His Word as it is faithfully preached and taught.



Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

What is the Third Commandment?

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.



Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on Third Commandment - We thank you, kind Father, that you give us time to hear your Holy Word. Grant that fearing and loving you, we may set aside our work to receive your Son's words, which are spirit and life, and so, refreshed and renewed by the preaching of your Gospel, we might live in the peace and quietness that come through faith alone; we ask it for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 80]



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)
- Pat Webber (Mary Bartos' mother fall and fractured hip)
- ☆ Heather Wesner (Jessica Schoonover's sister with breast and stomach cancer)



Hymn of the Week and Next Sunday's Lessons

863 Our Father, by Whose Name: *stnz 1* Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known, Who dost in love proclaim Each family Thine own, Bless Thou all parents, guarding well, With constant love as sentinel, The homes in which Thy people dwell. *stnz 2* O Christ, Thyself a child Within an earthly home, With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come; Our children bless in ev'ry place That they may all behold Thy face, And knowing Thee may grow in grace. *stnz 3* O Spirit, who dost bind Our hearts in unity, Who teachest us to find The love from self set free, In all our hearts such love increase That ev'ry home by this release May be the dwelling place of peace. Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984 Text: © The Church Pension Fund. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 130404864

For October 13, 2024, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 23): Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 "Seek good, and not evil, that you may live."; Psalm 90:12-17 "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."; Hebrews 3:12-19 "Take care, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart."; Mark 10:17-22 Jesus and the rich young man