

**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

| General<br>Wk 1 | Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday            | Thursday       | Friday  | Saturday |
|-----------------|----------|--------|----------|----------------------|----------------|---------|----------|
| Morning         | 103, 150 | 5, 145 | 42, 146  | 89:1-18;<br>147:1-11 | 116, 147:12-20 | 51, 148 | 104, 149 |
| Evening         | 117, 139 | 82, 29 | 102, 133 | 1, 33                | 16, 62         | 142, 65 | 118, 111 |

7

Verse for Upcoming Sunday: **Matthew 13:35b**

Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

8

Daily Lectionary Readings *(from LSB Daily Lectionary)*  
*references in italics are optional additional readings*

- July 19** ..... 1 Samuel 2:18–36; Acts 15:22–41 2
- July 20** ..... 1 Samuel 3:1–21; Acts 16:1–22 2
- July 21** ..... 1 Samuel 4:1–22; Acts 16:23–40 (*Acts 17:1–34*)
- July 22** ..... 1 Samuel 5:1—6:3, 10–16; Acts 18:1–11, 23–28
- July 23** ..... 1 Samuel 6:19—7:17; Acts 19:1–22 (*Acts 19:23–21:14*)

**July 24** ..... 1 Samuel 8:1–22; Acts 21:15–36

**July 25** ..... 1 Samuel 9:1–27; Acts 21:37—22:16

**July 26** ..... 1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29

**9**      **The Collect for Upcoming Sunday**

**Proper 12** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Close of the Commandments.** God obviously cares about how we live our lives. Because He is the source of life and of all that exists, He wants us to cling to Him. And it should not surprise us that God jealously guards his Commandments so that all within in His creation may prosper. And even after we have failed to keep His Commandments and turn to Him for mercy, He promises us His Commandments still show how our lives are intended to be lived. As Christians we understand the Commandments to function as a curb, a mirror, and a guide. As a curb it reduces the amount of evil that might otherwise happen. As a mirror it shows us our rebellious sinfulness and our need for a Savior. And as a guide, it still reliably points the forgiven sinner in the right direction of loving God and loving and serving our neighbor.

**11**      **Portion of the Catechism and Luther’s Explanation**

**What does God say about all these commandments?**  
He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex. 20: 5–6)

***What does this mean?***  
God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

## 12

### Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

**Prayer based on the Close of the Commandments:** Holy and merciful God, you have taught us what you would have us do and not do. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us so that He may bear fruit in our lives and that, remembering your mercies and your laws, we may grow in obedience to your will and in love for you and our neighbor. Help us to follow the example of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 127]

## 13

### Intercessory Prayer

✝ For Ron Kuehn in hospice care at home.

✝ For Butch Fisher for his upcoming treatments for stomach cancer.

✝ For Carolyn Webber (Mary Bartos' sister) recovering from a broken leg.

## 14

### Upcoming Sunday Lessons and Selected Hymn

**For July 26, 2026, 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** **Deuteronomy 7:6-9** "You are a people holy to the LORD your God." **Psalms 125** "Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion." **Romans 8:28-39** God works for the good of those who love Him.; **Matthew 13:44-52** The kingdom of heaven

**651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord:** *stnz 1* I love Your kingdom, Lord, The place of Your abode, The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood. *stnz 2* Beyond my highest joy I prize its heav'nly ways, Its sweet communion, solemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise. *stnz 3* I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev'ry land, Dear as the apple of Your eye And graven on Your hand. *stnz 4* For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers ascend; For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end. *stnz 5* Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv'n The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav'n. Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, alt. Text: Public domain