

**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 Wk 4	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	108, 150	62, 145	12, 146	96, 147:1-11	116, 147:12-20	84, 148	63, 149
Evening	66, 23	73, 9	36, 7	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98

## 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 12** .....Judges 7:1-23 (*Judges 7:24—12:15*); Galatians 1:1-24

**July 13** .....Judges 13:1-25 (*Ruth 1:1—4:22*); Galatians 2:1-21

**July 14** .....Judges 14:1-20; Galatians 3:1-22

**July 15** .....Judges 15:1—16:3; Galatians 3:23—4:11

**July 16** .....Judges 16:4-30 (*Judges 17:1—21:25*); Galatians 4:12-31

**July 17** .....1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 5:1-26

**July 18** .....1 Samuel 1:21—2:17; Galatians 6:1-18

## 9

### The Collect for Upcoming Sunday

**Proper 11** O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 Ninth and Tenth Commandments**, *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.* - The last two Commandments, at least as Lutherans count them, have to do with coveting. In the Ninth Commandments we are warned against coveting our neighbor's physical property, and in the Tenth the warning is against coveting the living beings loyal to, and connected with, our neighbor. We need to learn to be content with the gifts God has given us to sustain our lives. And when we feel lacking in these gifts we are to turn to God in prayer asking him for our daily bread. As but one of many examples in Scripture of how the sin of coveting leads to other sins, consider the account of how King Ahab acquired Naboth's vineyard. You can find the account in 1 Kings 21:1-16. As believers in Christ we learn to live a life of contentment as we give thanks for the daily blessings God provides both for us and for our neighbor. Coveting, that is, the inordinate desire for that which God has not entrusted to us, is a sure indication that we have made an idol out of some object other than God. This brings us full circle back to the First Commandment, namely, You shall have no other gods.

## 11

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

#### **What is the Ninth Commandment?**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

#### ***What does this mean?***

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

## What is the Tenth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### *What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

## 12

### Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

**Prayer based on the Ninth and Tenth Commandment** - Heavenly Father, you open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living creature. Cause us to fear and love you above all things, that our hearts would not covet that which you have given to our neighbors. Rather, lead us to trust in your provision of daily bread, be content with what you provide, and reject every evil scheme or enticement that would secure for ourselves that which you have given to others. Enable us to serve our neighbors by helping them keep and guard all that you have given to them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

[from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 119]

## 13

### Intercessory Prayer

- ✠ For Ron Kuehn being treated for cancer.
- ✠ For Carolyn Webber (Mary Bartos' sister) recovering from a broken leg.
- ✠ For Butch Fisher recently diagnosed with stomach cancer.

## 14

### Upcoming Sunday Lessons and Selected Hymn

For July 19, 2026, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: **Isaiah 44:6-8** Apart from Me, there is no God. **Psalm 119:57-64** "O LORD, ... teach me Your statutes." **Romans 8:18-27** "The Spirit ... intercedes for us."; **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** Parable of weeds among the wheat

**772 In Holy Conversation:** *stnz 1* In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer, And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share. We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs; And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes. *stnz 2* These holy conversations Begin in childlike ways; We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise. With care our Father listens To ev'ry thought expressed, Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best. *stnz 3* As holy conversation, In silence or by word, In ev'ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard. So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.