

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

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer For the Week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost June 22 through June 28

- 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 3	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	67, 150	57, 145	54, 146	65, 147:1-12	143, 147:13- 21	88, 148	122, 149
Evening	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 20	125, 90



## Verse of the Week: Luke 8:39a

Alleluia. Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. Alleluia.



## **Daily Lectionary Readings**

**Sunday** .............Deuteronomy 4:1-9; Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17; Matthew 12:33-45

Monday .......... Deuteronomy 4:9-14; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11; Luke 14:25-35

**Tuesday.....** Deuteronomy 4:15-24; 2 Corinthians 1:12-22; Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday....Deut. 4:25-31; 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17; Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

**Thursday** ....... Deuteronomy 4:32-40; 2 Corinthians 3:1-18; Luke 16:1-9

**Friday.....** Deuteronomy 5:1-22; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12; Luke 16:10-18

Saturday...... Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10; Luke 16:19-31



#### The Collect for the Week

**Second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 7** O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts You Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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**

Holy Communion the First Question "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?" -Before His death on the Cross Jesus established a meal that was to be celebrated often among His followers. An apt name for this meal is "The Lord's Supper", for He Himself serves it and gives Himself in the meal. The meal has also come to be known as Holy Communion. And as the words Jesus spoke (the Words of Institution) make it clear, the offering of bread and wine originally was a part of a larger meal. It was in fact the Seder Meal. But when at one point in the meal Jesus took bread, he said the strangest thing. He first blest it, then broke it, and as He gave it to His disciples, He told them to take and eat, this is my body which is given for you. He also adds, this do in remembrance of Me. Both the substance is stated, then the added benefit of remembering the Lord Jesus is lauded. Equally strange, at the end of the Seder Meal, Jesus takes His cup of wine. It must have been a freshly filled cup, for each of them at the meal would have already consumed prior wine - each likely in their own cup. But this time Jesus says, this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. And it was His cup he gave to His disciples to drink! Earlier in Jesus' ministry He had shockingly stated, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" (Jn 6:53). The institution of Holy Communion would explain how that would be possible.



# Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

#### 1. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

#### Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ,

on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



#### Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on Holy Communion the First Question "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?" - Lord Jesus Christ, on the night of Your betrayal, You established the Supper of Your body and blood for us Christians to eat and to drink. Give us faith to trust in the words of Your testament and so rightly receive the fruits of Your suffering and death and through Your merit finally be brought to rejoice in the marriage feast of the Lamb, where You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit forever. Amen [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 330]



### **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

**825 Rise, Shine, You People:** *stnz 1* Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story; God in Him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded. *stnz 2* See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven. *stnz 3* Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory. *stnz 4* Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation. Text: Ronald A. Klug, 1939, alt. Text: © 1974 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 130404864

For June 29, 2025, The Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles: Acts 15:1-21 The Gentiles will be saved through grace.; Psalm 46 "God is our refuge and strength."; Galatians 2:1-10 Paul travels to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus; Matthew 16:13-19 "Who do you say that I am?"