

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Fifth Sunday after Trinity— July 20, 2025

Simple orders can be found on pages 294-298 in LSB or you may use the following order

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 19

Verse of the Month

Isaiah 61:10 "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels."

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall (LSB 562/TLH 369)

Reading from Holy Scripture

Members may choose...

- *Read the Bible in a year (church website) or children's The Story Bible (CPH)*
- *Readings appointed from the Daily Lectionary (LSB p. 299-304)*

Looking forward to the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Exodus 20:1-17

Tuesday: Romans 6:3-11

Wednesday: Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday: "Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20-26). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom 6:3-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Therefore, "reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions: 1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?* Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner. 2. *How do you know this?* From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept. 3. *Are you sorry for your sins?* Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God. 4. *What have you deserved from God because of your sins?* His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation (*Romans 6:21, 23*).

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are, alas, miserable sinners, in whom there is nothing good at all! Our heart, flesh, and blood are so poisoned that we can never be without wicked desires. Therefore, dear Father, forgive us those sins, and purify our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may have a desire and love for Your Word and follow it, and through Christ abide in Your grace eternally. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

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Lord's Prayer

Morning Prayer

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 Prayer

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 Prayer

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. Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts which we receive from Thy bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing

Let us bless the Lord: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of the Month

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (LSB 563/TLH 371)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 550-559
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)