

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Devotion and Prayer

Read, pray and confess out loud as much from the order of devotion and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week. This can be used with Daily Prayer for individuals and families found on LSB pg 294-298 or a daily office such as Matins or Vespers found on LSB pg 219-259.

The Order for Devotion and Prayer

Beginning Sunday, August 23, 2026 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm of the week—Psalm 138

Hymn of the Week—LSB 645 "Built on the Rock"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	You Are the Christ, the Son of the Living God — Matthew 16:13-20	
Mon.	St. Bartholomew, Apostle — John 1:43-51	2 Corin. 4:7-10
Tues.	Moses Receives the Law— Exodus 24:1-18	Hebrews 1:1-14
Wed.	The Ark of the Covenant—Exodus 25:1-22	Hebrews 2:1-9
Thur.	The Priestly Garments—Exodus 28:1-43	Heb. 2:10-18
Fri.	The Ransom Money—Exodus 30:11-16	Hebrews 3:1-6
Sat.	Sunday's OT and Epistle—Jeremiah 15:15-21	Rom. 12:9-21

The Catechism

<i>First Commandment</i> You shall have no other gods.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.	3rd Grade+
<i>Second Commandment</i> You shall not misuse the name of the Lord Your God	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ,, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday: For the joy of the Resurrection; for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.
- Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for vocations and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for our schools, our home schools, our colleges and seminaries; for good government and peace.
- Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.
- Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
- Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries, teachers, deaconesses, and other servants of Christ and His Church; for the fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood.
- Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for its spread throughout the whole world; for the persecuted; for the sick and dying.
- Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for pastors as they prepare to administer Christ's holy gifts; for receptive hearts and minds on the Lord's Day.

In Our Prayers This Week (Personal and/or Congregational Prayers)

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism (LSB pg. 327)

Closing

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.