

# 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, April 26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

#### Invocation

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

#### Verse of the Week— John 6:40

For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise Him up on the last day.

#### Psalm of the week—Psalm 23

#### Hymn of the Week—LSB 709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

#### Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	<b>Jesus Is the Good Shepherd</b> — John 10:1-10	
Mon.	The Way, the Truth, and the Life— John 14:1-6	Isaiah 45:15-21
Tues.	I Am in the Father and the Father in Me— John 14:7-11	Isaiah 45:22-25
Wed.	If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments—John 14:12-18	Isaiah 48:12-21
Thur.	Fellowship with the Holy Trinity—John 14:19-26	Zeph. 3:14-20
Fri.	<b>St. Philip and St. James, Apostles—John 14:1-14</b>	Eph. 2:19-22
Sat.	Sunday's Acts and Epistle—Acts 6:1-9,,7:2, 51-60	1 Peter 2:2-10

#### The Catechism

<p><i>What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?</i></p> <p>These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.</p>	<p>3rd Grade+</p>
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## **Apostle's Creed**

### **Prayers**

#### *Collect for the week*

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.