

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

Family Catechesis for St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (LC-MS)

Lord, Have Mercy Upon...

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Daily Prayer for Individuals and Families

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.
 In the Name of the Father and + of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Daily Psalm

Advent	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Morning	24	122	33	50	18:1-20	102	90
Evening	25; 110	40; 67	85; 91	14; 16	126; 62	130; 16	80; 72

Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
S	Go and Tell John What You Hear and See — St Matthew 11:2-11	
M	The Benedictus — St Luke 1:67-80	Leviticus 26:40-45
T	The Genealogy of Jesus Christ - St Matthew 1:1-17	St Luke 3:27-38
W	Advent: St Thomas - St John 20:24-29	Ephesians 4:7, 11-16
Th	Christ's Birth Is Foretold to Joseph — St Matthew 1:18-25	Isaiah 7:10-14
F	The Nativity of Our Lord — St Luke 2:1-7	Ex. 40:1-3, 16-21, 34-38
Sa	The Birth of Christ is Announced to Shepherds — St Luke 2:8-20	Isaiah 52:6-10

Hymn of the Week

LSB 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Learn by Heart Small Catechism and Holy Scripture

Small Catechism	<p>Table of Duties To Husbands Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. (1 Peter 3:7)</p> <p>To Wives For this is the way holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husband, like Sarah who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughter if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. (1 Peter 3:5-6)</p>
Verse of the Week	He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and gently lead those who are with young. (Isaiah 40:11)

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayers

The following may be used to establish a pattern of daily and weekly prayer.

S: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.

M: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

T: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

W: 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 raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Th: For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

F: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

S: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

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 Our Father

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.

Prayers for others and ourselves (see column on the left)

Luther's 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.

Luther's 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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Looking ahead to next week: Fourth Sunday in Advent - Rorate Coeli

Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Psalm 111 (antiphon: v9); Philipians 4:4-7; St. John 1:19-28
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