

Congregation in Prayer Jan 17, 2016

God promises that He will not remain silent thus standing in contrast with idols who remain mute. But what does it mean that God speaks? And how can I know that it is His voice I hear? Paul points us back to the cross for everything God has spoken is so that we may be taken back to Christ and the redemption He has brought about in His shed blood. [Isaiah 62:1–5; 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; John 2:1–11]

The Order of Meditation and Prayer for Daily Use

(Pray and confess out loud as much of the Order of Meditation as possible)

Theme for the Week: God Speaks

Invocation (Spoken while making the sign of the cross to remember your baptism)

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

Apostle's Creed

Learn by Heart Verse (Practice saying this verse word for word, out loud, throughout the day)

Psalm 130:3–5 (ESV) If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

The Conclusion <i>For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.</i>	Pre-K+
What does this mean? <i>This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."</i>	Second Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	King Uzziah of Judah—2 Chronicles 26:1-5, 16-23
Tuesday	Isaiah Is Called to Preach in Israel and Judah—Isaiah 6:1-13
Wednesday	King Hezekiah of Judah—2 Kings 18:1-8
Thursday	Hezekiah Purifies the Temple—2 Chronicles 28:22-29:36
Friday	Hezekiah Celebrates the Passover—2 Chronicles 30:1-31:1
Saturday	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer: Third Sunday of the month

Sunday: Pray for those are prevented from gathering for worship: those who live in areas where persecution is strong; those who do not have a Christian church nearby; those who are homebound; those whose work keeps them away from worship.

Monday: Pray for the salvation and well-being of your neighbors; for our Lutheran schools, colleges, and seminaries; for those who serve as teachers, healthcare workers, police and firefighters; for good government and for peace.

- Tuesday: Pray for your personal life of faith: that you would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, that the fruit of the Spirit would be evident in your life and relationships, that your attitudes, your reactions, and your choices would reflect your faith in Christ.
- Wed: Pray for the mission of our congregation: to bring people hope, healing and new life through Jesus Christ. Pray about practical ways for you personally to join Jesus in His mission.
- Thursday: Pray for your pastors. Pray for protection for them from the attacks of the enemy. Pray for their influence for Christ in the congregation and in the community. Pray that they are able to finish strong and remain faithful to the end.
- Friday: Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Church Charities: for their comfort dog ministry; for their Lutheran Emergency Response Teams (LERT) that deploy when disasters happen here and around the country.
- Saturday: Pray for the witness of you and your family to those God brings across your path. Pray for eyes to see the opportunities the Lord gives you to talk to others about Jesus or to serve them in His name.

Lord's Prayer

Going with God's Blessing

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Looking Ahead (Take a look at the readings for next Sunday)

Neh. 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

1 Cor. 12:12–31a

Luke 4:16–30