

Congregation at Prayer May 21, 2017

We have been given a clean conscience and the Holy Spirit so that we may live and have assurance. So, continue to live out the good confession of faith in word and deed. Continue to proclaim God's truth to your neighbors and continue to love your neighbor in the ways that God finds pleasing.

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: Celebration Sunday – The Importance of Life Long Learning

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)

John 14:2–3 (ESV) In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

To Everyone The commandments ... are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Rom. 13:9 I urge ... that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. 1 Tim. 2:1	Kindergarten +
To Youth Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5–6	3rd Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47
Tuesday	The Genealogy of Jesus—Matthew 1:1-17
Wednesday	The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17
Thursday	The Temptation of Our Lord—Matthew 4:1-11
Friday	Jesus' Ministry and the Call of the Fishermen—Matthew 4:12-25
Weekend	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray for those who 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)

Acts 1:12–26

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11