

Lord's Prayer

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.

Morning/Evening Prayer

Morning: 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.

Evening: 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.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.



The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Devotions in the Home

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21-27, 2024

The Order of Daily Prayer

As the Head of the Household should lead his family in a simple way.
Pray as much of "The Order of Daily Prayer" as you are able or your family size dictates. Learn by heart the Bible Verse, the Catechism, and the Hymn for the week.

Invocation

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

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.

Psalm *Psalm 32*

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday: [Matthew 9:1-8](#) – The Son of Man has Authority to Forgive
Monday: [Luke 24:44-49](#) – Forgiveness Proclaimed in Christ's Name
Tuesday: [Matthew 16:13-20](#) – The Keys of the Kingdom
Wednesday: [John 20:19-23](#) – If You Forgive... They are Forgiven
Thursday: [Luke 17:1-4](#) – Repentance and Forgiveness
Friday: [Matthew 18:15-20](#) – The Unrepentant Sinner
Saturday: [John 15:1-8](#) – I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches

Memory Work

Bible Verse

“Jesus said, “receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone it is withheld.” (*John 20:22-23*)

Catechism

The Office of the Keys

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Hymn

“As Surely as I Live,” God Said (LSB 614, stz. 5-6)

The words which absolution give
Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but His humble instrument.

When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes
The purchase of His blood receives.

Prayers

Collect of 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.

Congregational Prayer List

O Lord, hear our prayers and supplications on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Christ, namely:

Bethany Lutheran Church

Rev. Seth Clemmer
Rev. Stephen Schumacher
Rev. Emmett Bartens
Kantor Jonathan Swett
Beth Hahn
Pam Kolzow
Sue Jablonsky
Tom Mueller

Those in Physical Need

Eric Burnell
Aiden Goldbeck
Isaac Keller
Beth Kile
Sarah Lieb
Lydia Florez
Elizabeth Hildahl
Anne Holtz

Our Shut-ins

Roger & Charlene Fiene
Marilyn Groth
Bruce Janken
Solomon Robert
Nancy Skibinski
Chuck & Monika
Werner
David & Ann Zielke

Mothers with Child

Jaimie Bartens
Rachael Skudlarek
Hannah Baker
Ashling Kraft
Brittany Linnemeyer
Kelli Lynch
Sierra Meyer
Kirsten Renn
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