

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 23, 2026 to Sunday, August 30, 2026*

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions — “In the first place, let the preacher above all be careful to avoid many versions or various texts and forms of the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, the Sacraments, and such. He should choose one form to which he holds and teaches all the time, year after year. For young and simple people must be taught by uniform, settled texts and forms. Otherwise they become confused easily when the teacher today teaches them one way, and in a year some other way, as if he wished to make improvements. For then all effort and labor that has been spent in the teaching is lost.” ~The Preface of Dr. Martin Luther, Small Catechism

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Read/Chant Psalm 96

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun, August 23	Epistle Lesson, 13th Sunday after Pentecost—Romans 13:1-14	2 Corinthians 1:1-22
Mon, August 24	Gospel Lesson, St. Bartholomew—John 1:43-51	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
Tues, August 25	The Covenant Confirmed—Exodus 24:1-18	2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Wed, August 26	The Ark of the Covenant—Exodus 25:1-22	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Thu, August 27	The Priests’ Garments—Exodus 28:1-43	2 Corinthians 5:1-21
Fri, August 28	The Census Tax—Exodus 30:11-16	2 Corinthians 6:1-18
Sat, August 29	Gospel Lesson, 14th Sunday after Pentecost—Mark 6:14-29	2 Corinthians 7:1-16
Sun, August 30	Epistle Lesson, 14th Sunday after Pentecost—Romans 15:8-21	2 Corinthians 8:1-24

Collect for the Week of the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

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.

832 Jesus Shall Reign

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no
more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
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- And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS