

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 21, 2026 to Sunday, June 28, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions —“Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally. And the catholic faith is this, that we worship on God in Trinity and Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. ~The Ecumenical Creeds, The Athanasian Creed

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. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Matthew 10:28

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Read/Chant Psalm 91:1-10.

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sunday, June 21	Jesus is delivered to be crucified --John 19:1-22	Proverbs 24:1-22
Mon, June 22	Jesus is crucified, died, and buried. --John 19:23-42	Proverbs 25:1-22
Tues, June 23	The Tomb is empty. Jesus is risen. --John 20:1-18	Proverbs 27:1-24
Wed., June 24	Jesus appears to the disciples and later Thomas. --John 20:19-31	Proverbs 30:1-33
Thurs, June 25	Jesus eats breakfast with his disciples. --John 21:1-25	Proverbs 31:10-31
Fri, June 26	Simon the Magician comes to faith. ---Acts 8:1-25	Joshua 1:1-18
Sat, June 27	Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. --Acts 8:26-40	Joshua 2:1-24
Sun, June 28	The Conversion of Saul —Acts 9:1-22	Joshua 3:1-17

Collect for the Week of the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:

O god, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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.

659 Lord of Our Life

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.
- 2 See round Your ark the hungry billows
curling;
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling
And with great spite their fiery darts are
hurling,
O Lord, preserve us.
- 3 Lord, be our light when worldly darkness
veils us;
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails
us;
And in the day when hell itself assails us,
Grant us Your peace, Lord:
- 4 Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are
raging,
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls
assuaging,
Peace when the world its endless war is
waging,
Peace in Your heaven.

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