

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 28, 2026 to Sunday, July 5, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions —“Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit; the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Infinite.” ~*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: Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Read/Chant Psalm 119:153-160.

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sunday, June 28	The Conversion of Saul —Acts 9:1-22	Joshua 3:1-17
Mon, June 29	Saul escapes Damascus —Acts 9:23-43	Joshua 4:1-24
Tues, June 30	Peter and Cornelius —Acts 10:1-16	Joshua 5:1-6:5
Wed., July 1	Peter's Vision —Acts 10:17-33	Joshua 6:6-27
Thurs, July 2	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit —Acts 10:34-48	Joshua 7:1-26
Fri, July 3	Peter reports to the church —Acts 11:1-18	Joshua 8:1-28
Sat, July 4	The Church in Antioch —Acts 11:19-30	Joshua 10:1-25
Sun, July 5	The Apostle James Killed, Peter imprisoned. —Acts 12:1-25	Joshua 23:1-16

Collect for the Week of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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.

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- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding,
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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