The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 25, 2026 to Sunday, November 1, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions —*"Therefore, you must not make any law about this, as the pope does. Only set forth clearly the benefit and harm, the need and use, the danger and the blessing, connected with this Sacrament. Then the people will come on their own without you forcing them. But if they do not com, let them go their way and tell them that such people belong to the devil who do not regard nor feel their great need and God's gracious help. But if you do not urge this, or make a law or make it bitter, it is your fault if they despise the Sacrament. What else could they be than lazy if you sleep and are silent?" 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 3:23-25

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified as a gift, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Read/Chant *Psalm 46*

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun, Oct. 25	**First Lesson, Reformation Sunday—Revelation 14:6-7**	Matthew 17:14-27
Mon, Oct. 26	Balaam's Donkey continued—Numbers 24:10-25	Matthew 18:1-20
Tues, Oct. 27	The Sin of Peor—Numbers 25:1-18	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed, Oct. 28	Gospel Lesson, St. Simon & St. Jude—John 15:17-21	Matthew 19:1-15
Thu, Oct. 29	Jesus is Ordained to take Moses' Place—Numbers 27:12-23	Matthew 19:16-30
Fri, Oct. 30	First Lesson, All Saints Day—Revelation 7:1-17	Matthew 20:1-16
Sat, Oct. 31	Epistle Lesson, Reformation Day—Romans 3:19-28	Matthew 20:17-34
Sun, Nov. 1	Epistle Lesson, All Saints Day—Hebrews 12:1-3, 18-29	Matthew 21:1-22

Collect for the Week of the Reformation:

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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