

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2026 to Sunday, September 13, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions — “But those who are unwilling to learn the catechism should be told that they deny Christ and are not Christians. They should not be admitted to the Sacrament, accepted as sponsors at Baptism, or practice any part of Christian freedom. They should simply be turned back to the pope and his officials, indeed, to the devil himself. Furthermore, their parents and employers should refuse them food and drink, and notify them that the prince will drive such rude people from the country. 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: Mark 10:45

Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Read/Chant Psalm 32

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun, Sept. 6	Epistle Lesson, 15th Sunday after Pentecost—Romans 16:16-27	Ephesians 5:15-33
Mon, Sept. 7	Warning against Idleness—2 Thessalonians 3:1-15	Ephesians 6:1-24
Tues, Sept. 8	Moses Sets up the Tabernacle—Exodus 40:1-3, 16-38	Philippians 1:1-20
Wed, Sept. 9	The Burnt Offering—Leviticus 1:1-17	Philippians 1:21-2:11
Thu, Sept. 10	The Sin Offering—Leviticus 5:1-13	Philippians 2:12-30
Fri, Sept. 11	OT Lesson, 16th Sunday after Pentecost—Ezekiel 9:3-7	Philippians 3:1-21
Sat, Sept. 12	Epistle Lesson, 16th Sunday after Pentecost—Ephesians 1:3-14	Philippians 4:1-23
Sun, Sept. 13	Gospel Lesson, 16th Sunday after Pentecost—Matthew 28:16-20	Colossians 1:1-23

Collect for the Week of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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.

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- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride,
His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts
Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ
And cling to His strong name.
- 2 The gifts flow from the font
Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes
Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins
With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself
Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
- 3 The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.

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- Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends
Us forth in His blest care.
- 4 The gifts are there each day
The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear,
Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself,
Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing
Them for this world's strife.
 - 5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

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