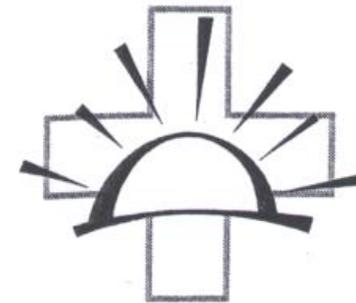


Morning Devotions



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The Sacrament of the Altar

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT
IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Confession

HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO CONFESS

What is confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

What is the Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?*

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty:

The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." [John 20:22-23]

What do you believe according to these words?*

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

** This question may not have been composed by Luther himself but reflects his teaching and was included in editions of the catechism during his lifetime.*

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L: = Leader; **G**: = Group

Fourth:

What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six:

“We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

[Romans 6:4]

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT
IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

First:

What is baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” [Matt 28:10]

Second:

What benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark:

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” [Mark 16:16]

Third:

How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” [Titus 3:5-8].

DEVOTION I



L: O Lord, teach us Your ways.

G: That we may walk in your truth.

L: You comfort and help us day by day.

G: We trust your loving care.

L: You are the King of heaven and earth.

G: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia! *(except during Lent)*

Morning Prayer

Psalm

**G: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Reading/Meditation

Hymn/Song

Apostles Creed/Catechism

Prayers/Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

G: Amen.

The Fifth Petition:

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.* Amen.

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

** These words were not originally in Luther's Small Catechism*

The Second Petition:

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Third Petition:

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

The Fourth Petition:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbours, and the like.

DEVOTION II



L: God, our Father, each day is a gift of Your grace.

G: Your mercies are new every morning.

L: Guide our steps by the light of Your Word.

G: Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.

L: Better than life is Your love.

G: Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!

(except during Lent)

Prayer for Grace:

L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in Your sight through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

G: Amen.

Psalm

G: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reading/Meditation

Hymn/Song

Apostles Creed/Catechism

Prayers/Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

L: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to Himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do His will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

G: Amen.

DEVOTION III



L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen.

L: O Lord, open my lips

G: and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

L: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice.

G: In the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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.

Psalm

G: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reading/Meditation

Hymn/Song

Apostles Creed/Catechism

Prayers/Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus and Blessing:

L: Let us bless the Lord.

G: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

G: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT
IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Introduction:

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition:

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Second Article - REDEMPTION

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

The Third Article - SANCTIFICATION

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church, He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day, He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

DEVOTION IV



(The Office of Prime)

L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

G: O Lord, make haste to help me.

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn/Song

Psalm Antiphon:

L: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm

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L: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

The Little Chapter (1 Tim. 1:17) or other Reading/Meditation

Apostles Creed/Catechism

The Responsory:

L: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

G: **O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.**

L: You that sit at the right hand of the Father.

G: **Have mercy on us.**

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

G: **O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.**

L: Arise, O Christ, and help us.

G: **And deliver us for Your name's sake.**

The Kyrie:

All: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

L: I cry to You, Lord.
G: In the morning my prayer comes before You.
L: O let my mouth be filled with Your praise.
G: And with Your glory all the day.
L: Hide Your face from my sins, Lord.
G: And blot out all my iniquities.
L: Create in me a clean heart, O God.
G: And put a new and right spirit within me.
L: Cast me not away from your presence.
G: And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
L: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
G: And uphold me with a willing spirit.
L: Help us, O Lord this day.
G: To live without sin.
L: O Lord, have mercy on us.
G: Have mercy on us.
L: O Lord, let Your mercy be on us.
G: As our trust is in You.
L: Hear our prayer, O Lord.
G: And let our cry come to You.

Intercessions

Morning Collect

L: O everlasting Jesus, who early in the morning sought strength from Your Father, be with us we pray You, at this hour as we seek His grace and mercy, that so throughout the day we may find peace and joy in all that ministers to Your praise and glory.
G: Amen.
L: The Lord almighty order this day and all our doings in His peace.
G: Amen.
L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
G: Who made heaven and earth.
L: Let us bless the Lord.
G: Thanks be to God.

The Blessing:

L: The Lord bless us and keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.
G: Amen.

The Creed

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT
IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

The First Article - CREATION

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all other danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Seventh Commandment:

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbour's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Eighth Commandment:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbour, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Ninth Commandment:

You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbour'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.

Tenth Commandment:

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbour's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

[Text of the commandments is from Ex. 20:3, 7, 8, 12-17]

Close of the Commandments:

What does God say about all these commandments? He says: "I, the Lord Your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." [Ex. 20:5-6]

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

DEVOTION V



L: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

G: Amen.

L: This is the day which the Lord has made.

G: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

G: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

L: Have no anxiety about anything.

G: But in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God.

L: They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

G: They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

L: They shall run and not be weary;

G: They shall walk and not faint.

Morning Prayer

Psalm

G: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reading/Meditation

Hymn/Song

Apostles Creed/Catechism

Prayers/Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

L: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

G: Amen.

ADVENT DEVOTION



L: Lift up your heads and open your eyes.

G: For He is coming.

L: Who is coming?

G: The King of Glory!

L: Blessings on Him who comes as King.

G: Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: As we light our Advent wreath, we remember the One who comes
– Jesus, the Light of the World. (*candles lit*)

G: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: He came to be our Saviour.

G: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: With joy and gladness.

G: We celebrate His coming.

L: He comes to us each day in the promise of His presence.

G: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Let us open our hearts to Him.

G: And walk in His ways.

L: He will come again to take us to Himself in heaven.

G: Come, Lord Jesus.

Advent Collect

G: Amen.

Psalm

**G: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Reading/Meditation

Advent Hymn/Song

Creed/Catechism

Prayers/Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Benediction:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

G: Amen.

The Ten Commandments

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH THEM
IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

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.

Third Commandment:

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Fourth Commandment:

Honour your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honour them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Fifth Commandment:

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbour in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Sixth Commandment:

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honour each other.

Luther's Small Catechism

with Explanation

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LENTEN DEVOTION



L: Behold, the Lamb of God.
G: Lord, have mercy.
L: O God, Father in heaven.
G: Have mercy on us.
L: O Son of God, Redeemer of the world.
G: Have mercy on us.
L: O God, the Holy Spirit,
G: Have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (*Spoken or Sung to tune of LSB 163*)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Lenten Collect

Psalm

**G: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Reading/Meditation

Lenten/Holy Week Hymn

Creed/Catechism

Prayers/Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

G: Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

EASTER DEVOTION



L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen.

L: The Lord is risen!

G: He is risen indeed!

L: Sing to the Lord a new song.

G: For He has done marvelous things.

Easter Collect

Psalm

**G: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Reading/Meditation

Easter Hymn

Creed/Catechism

Prayers/Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Benediction:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

G: Amen.

For Restored Health

Almighty and gracious God, we give thanks that You have restored the health of Your servant name, and for this blessing we praise Your name. Grant that he/she may continue joyfully through the days You have given him/her in this world and also share in eternal glory at the appearing of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (297)

For the Birth of a Child

Almighty God, creator of all that exists, we thank You this day for the birth of name. As You have added him/her to the human family, so also unite him/her to Your holy Church through the waters of Holy Baptism. By the gracious working of Your Holy Spirit, help him/her to grow in Your nurture and admonition that he/she may bring glory to You and serve others in Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (301)

For Those Who Mourn

Lord God, maker of heaven and earth and giver of life, we thank You for all the mercies You granted to our brother(s)/sister(s), name(s), during his/her/their earthly life (lives), especially for calling him/her/them to faith in Jesus Christ. Comfort the survivors who mourn his/her/their death(s) with the hope of the glorious resurrection and a joyful reunion in heaven. Keep us mindful that we are mortal so that we will ever be prepared to die in the faith and finally receive the glory promised to all who trust in Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (263)

Prayers/Intercessions

Morning

Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness, and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen. (168)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new unto us every morning, and though we have not deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (169)

For the Synod

Lord of the Church, You have joined us to a family of believers who walk together in faith, love, and service. Keep the congregations of our Lutheran Church–Canada and its president, and the synodical staff faithful to Your Word, and make them eager to do Your work. Guide them, and help them fulfill their responsibilities with patience and understanding. Give us all a vision which sees beyond the boundaries of our own districts and congregations and a willingness to support the worldwide mission of Lutheran Church–Canada. In Jesus' name. Amen.

For a District

O Lord, the only source of true wisdom: We invoke Your blessing upon the ___ District and its president _____ as they work for the well-being and extension of Your Church; and as You have promised to send Your Holy Spirit to lead Your people into all truth, so guide Your Church in the ___ District that they may seek Your glory for the welfare of those whom You have redeemed by the death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For a Circuit

O God, who has promised to be present with Your Church even to the end of the world, look favorably upon the _____ Circuit and Circuit Counselor _____. Continue to bless the work of the congregations and church workers in that Circuit. Increase, Lord, the faith and the zeal of all Your people there, that they may more eagerly desire, and more diligently seek the salvation of lost souls through the message of Your love in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to them hearts of love, sincerity of speech, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Favour the work of those congregations and church workers that the people of God in the _____ Circuit may continue to grow in their faith and in service to Your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Congregation

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear our prayer for _____ Lutheran Church in _____ and its pastor _____. Grant unto this parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare. Strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; rouse the careless; restore the fallen and penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Your truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Your Holy Church, to the honour and glory of Your Holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Missions, Auxiliaries, and Listed Service Organizations

O God, who so loved the world as to give Your only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life, look with favour upon (*name*), a servant of Your Gospel. Make (*name*) faithful in the work that You have entrusted to them. Stir up the hearts of their leaders and workers (members) that their prayers, labours, and gifts may spread the Gospel in (among) _____. Hasten the time when all the ends of the world shall remember and turn to You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For District Missions

Jesus, our risen Lord, You commanded Your Church to preach the Gospel to all nations. Prosper the work of our East district mission congregations, preaching stations, missionaries, and workers sent out in Your name, especially do we remember today the ministry of _____. Give them joy in proclaiming the good news of salvation there. Protect them and their families from illness and danger. Remove from them discouragement and loneliness, reminding them that though they may sow the seed of Your Word, that it is You that provide the harvest according to Your good and gracious will. In Your name we ask this. Amen.

For Our Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries

O God, source of all abiding knowledge, through Word and Spirit You both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those whom You draw to Your service. Look with favour on the seminaries, colleges and schools of the Church, blessing those who teach and those who learn, that all the baptized may apply themselves with ready diligence to their tasks and faithfully fulfill their service according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (116)

For General Intercessions

Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well being of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things.

Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (161)

For the Sick

O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body; You chasten and You heal. Show mercy to Your servants(s) *name*. Spare *his/her/their* life (lives) and restore *his/her/their* strength. Even as You gave Your Son to bear our infirmities and sicknesses, deal compassionately with Your servant(s) and bless *his/her/them* with Your healing power. We commit *his/her/them* to Your gracious mercy and protection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (255)