



The Parish at Prayer

Week of *Ad Te Levavi*: the 1st Sunday in Advent
29 November - 5 December 2020

*Pray and confess out loud as much from
this order of meditation and prayer
as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.
Learn by heart the verse and catechism.*



Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Verse

John 15:26 ESV

*But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.*

Psalm Psalm 67

Bible Readings

Sunday [Sunday's Readings]
Monday Hannah Prays for a Son – 1 Samuel 1:1-18
St. Andrew, Apostle – John 1:35-42a
Tuesday The prophet Samuel is Born – 1 Samuel 1:19–2:2
Wednesday Advent Midweek – James 5:7-10
Thursday The Song of Hannah – 1 Samuel 2:1-11
Friday The Lord Calls to the Boy Samuel – 1 Samuel 2:12, 18-21; 3:1-20
Saturday The Day of the Lord– Malachi 4:1-6

Catechism

Creed: Third Article

What does this mean?

I believe that 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.

Meditation

[Here you may read a devotion from Portals of Prayer, the Daily Reflection from Higher Things, etc.]

In Our Prayers This Week

For the Sick, Recovering, or undergoing tests and procedures:

Beth, Noah, Don, Dolores, Fred, Father Rick, Brock, Amber, Marilyn, Lea, Dale, Jan, Bob, Amy, Phyllis, Ryan, Robyn, Stephen, Chris, Jack, Bev, Leah, Eldie, Braden, Pat, Margaret, Laurel, Neal, Paul, Dave, Timothy, Michael

For those suffering from/affected by/fearing the Corona Virus.

For our Nation, especially that we have godly leaders who protect innocent life from conception to natural death, and for peace among all people as election results are determined and declared.

For Persecuted Christians; especially those in China, Mauritania, Central African Republic, and Morocco.

For our Partner churches; especially the Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile.

For Seminarian Tyler McMiller, and all seminarians and church work students

For Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne

For Concordia Seminary in St. Louis

For our Pastors in Christ; especially

Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of LCMS

Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege, President of the Indiana District of LCMS

Rev. Donald Stock, Circuit Visitor

Rev. Richard Heinz, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church

Collect of the Day

Collect for Ad Te Levavi: The 1st Sunday in Advent

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

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.