

Grace at Prayer for Advent 2

Invocation

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

The Apostles' Creed

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11 Dec	Psalm 5	Isaiah 28:14-29	1 John 5:1-21
12 Dec	Psalm 106	Isaiah 29:1-14	Jude 1-25
13 Dec	Psalm 89	Isaiah 29:15—30:14	Revelation 1:1-19
14 Dec	Psalm 27	Isaiah 30:15-26	Revelation 2:1-29
15 Dec	Psalm 146	Isaiah 30:27—31:9	Revelation 3:1-22
16 Dec	Psalm 149	Isaiah 32:1-20	Revelation 4:1-11

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Writing from the Lutheran Confessions

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The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Advent 2

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday: *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*

Monday: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for Lutheran schools [especially Zion Beaver and Trinity Monitor] and their teachers; for good government and for peace.*

Tuesday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors, musicians, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries [especially Neuendorfs, Erbers, Milans, Roberts, and Jamielynn], and for all who serve.*

Wednesday: *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

Thursday: *Pray for repentant hearts, that all would confess their sinfulness along with the sins they committed, and the sins committed against them and seek our Lord and His forgiveness in the Word and Sacraments.*

Friday: *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

Saturday: *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers This Week: *Dennis (Fran Galke's nephew), Kathy Patron (Deaconess's mom), Herb Pfundt, Rosemary Bush, Doreen Hetzner, Louis (Herb Pfundt's brother), Shirley Wegener, Bubba Harrison, Ryan Schian (Pastor's brother who had back surgery), Patricia Raab, Sam (Patrick Harrison's dad), Wilfred (Laurie Kozuch's dad who is hospitalized), Margie (Teresa Yaeger's sister), Brenda Krystosek, Brooke (Mary Jane Swincicki's granddaughter), Jan Klimaszewski, John Beckert, Tom Wegener (who is back at King's Daughter), Dale Fish, Leon (Larry Roth's brother-in-law), Kris (Herb and Judy Pfundt's daughter), Jenna (Dustin and Emily Wegener's newborn), Daniel Fournier and his friend Cal, Katie (Lisa Bale's cousin), Jodi (Erv Kuch's niece), two young women known to a member at GLC who are struggling with mental illness, and all those we name in our hearts. -Thanksgiving to God for Marina Rosalie's baptism. -Endurance and joy to walk this Highway Home with our Brothers and Sisters.*

Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Benedicamus

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Thanks be to God.

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