

Grace at Prayer for Christmas 1

Invocation

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

The Apostles' Creed

Verse of the Week: Psalm 68:19

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.”

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1 Jan	Psalm 113	Isaiah 61:1-11	Luke 1:57-80
2 Jan	Psalm 62	Isaiah 62:1-12	Luke 2:1-20
3 Jan	Psalm 108	Isaiah 63:1-14	Luke 2:21-40
4 Jan	Psalm 40	Isaiah 63:15—65:2	Luke 2:41-52
5 Jan	Psalm 37	Isaiah 65:8-25	Luke 3:1-20
6 Jan	Psalm 45	Isaiah 66:1-20	Luke 3:21-38

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Writing from the Lutheran Confessions

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The Lord's Prayer

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O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through 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), Linda Jean, Shirley Wegener, Bubba Harrison, Patricia Raab, Sam (Patrick Harrison’s dad), Brooke (Mary Jane Swincicki’s granddaughter), Elsy (David Whalen’s mother-in-law who has been diagnosed cancer), Jan Klimaszewski, John Beckert, Tom Wegener, Dale Fish, Kris (Herb and Judy Pfundt’s daughter), Katie (Lisa Bale’s cousin), Connie (Erv Kuch’s friend who will have surgery), two young women known to a member at GLC who are struggling with mental illness, and all those we name in our hearts.*

-Peace and comfort for Erv Kuch and family as they mourn his niece Jodi’s death.

-The joy of being God’s adopted child who goes into 2024 with His presence, promise, and possibility.

Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

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