

Grace at Prayer for Pentecost 23

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 143:1

“Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!”

Pentecost 23	Psalm 38	Jeremiah 7:1-29	Matthew 23:1-12
6 Nov	Psalm 118	Jeremiah 8:18—9:12	Matthew 23:13-39
7 Nov	Psalm 121	Jeremiah 11:1-23	Matthew 24:1-28
8 Nov	Psalm 143	Jeremiah 20:1-18	Matthew 24:29-51
9 Nov	Psalm 147	Jeremiah 22:1-23	Matthew 25:1-13
10 Nov	Psalm 24	Jeremiah 23:1-20	Matthew 25:14-30
11 Nov	Psalm 143	Jeremiah 23:21-40	Matthew 25:31-46

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Writing from the Lutheran Confessions

Our confession approves giving honor to the saints. This honor is threefold. The first is thanksgiving: we ought to give thanks to God because he has given examples of his mercy, because he has shown that he wants to save humankind, and because he has given teachers and other gifts to the church. Since these are the greatest gifts, they ought to be extolled very highly, and we ought to praise the saints themselves for faithfully using these gifts just as Christ praises faithful managers [Matthew 25:21, 23]. The second kind of veneration is the strengthening of our faith. When we see Peter forgiven after his denial, we, too, are encouraged to believe that grace truly superabounds much more over sin [Romans 5:20]. The third honor is imitation: first of their faith, then of their other virtues, which people should imitate according to their callings. [Apology, XXI:4-6]

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Pentecost 23

Merciful and gracious Lord, You cause Your Word to be proclaimed in every generation. Stir up our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may receive this proclamation with humility and finally be exalted at the coming of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, 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 (who is recovering at home), Patricia Raab, Sam (Patrick Harrison's dad), Margie (Teresa Yaeger's sister), Brenda Krystosek, Brooke (Mary Jane Swincicki's granddaughter), Jan Klimaszewski, John Beckert, Tom Wegener, Dale Fish, Leon (Larry Roth's brother-in-law), Kris (Herb and Judy Pfundt's daughter), Lois (Laurie Kozuch's mom), 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 for all the Lord did in and through the saints who have gone ahead of us.*

Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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