

Grace at Prayer for Pentecost 26

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 54:1

"O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might."

Pentecost 26	Psalm 75	Daniel 6:1-28	Revelation 22:1-21
27 Nov	Psalm 66	Isaiah 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
28 Nov	Psalm 102	Isaiah 2:1-22	1 Peter 1:13-25
29 Nov	Psalm 118	Isaiah 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12
30 Nov	Psalm 123	Isaiah 6:1—7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25
1 Dec	Psalm 34	Isaiah 7:10—8:8	1 Peter 3:1-22
2 Dec	Psalm 119	Isaiah 8:9—9:7	1 Peter 4:1-19

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Writing from the Lutheran Confessions

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The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Pentecost 26

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; 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), Shirley Wegener, Bubba Harrison, 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), Jenna (Dustin and Emily Wegener's newborn who is recovering from open heart surgery), 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. -Eyes to see Jesus as the King who blesses us with a Kingdom where the least, last, lowly are loved. -Hearts ready for the Last Day when Jesus will return and make all that's wrong right.*

Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

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Thanks be to God.

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