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.

Morning

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.

Evening

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.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with us all.
Amen.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

Isaiah 55:1–9	Psalm 27	Ephesians 5:15–21	Matthew 22:1–14
Hymn of the Day	O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth		LSB 834

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of ***The Feast of St. Luke***

Sunday, October 18 *through* Saturday, October 24

"St. Luke, Evangelist"
Isaiah 35:5–8, 2 Timothy 4:5–18, Luke 10:1–12

The Lord Jesus bids us to **"pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"** (Luke 10:2). The fields look more like deserts, filled with jackals (Isaiah 35:6–7), and the Lord sends His laborers out as lambs in the midst of wolves. But Christ's Word of "Peace" heals the sick and brings the very Kingdom of God near to those who hear it (Isaiah 35:5; Luke 10:3–9). St. Luke, the beloved physician (Colossians 4:14), did the work of an evangelist. He diligently prepared both a Gospel, the history of Christ's work in the flesh before His ascension, and the Acts of the Apostles, the history of His continued work among His Church. Luke and his Scriptures are a gift from this Ascended Lord (Ephesians 4:8–12), written for Theophilus and for all who love His appearing (2 Timothy 4:5–8). Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the seventy-two sent out ahead of Jesus, two by two. Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul's missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses, and even to Rome, where he alone was with Paul.

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

THE 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 is seated 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.

PSALMODY *(sing or read out loud each day)*

Psalm 147

LEARN BY HEART LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: Daily Prayers (Returning Thanks)

Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say:

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. He gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. (Psalm 136:1, 25; 147:9–11)

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

We thank You, Lord God, Heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, October 18:	Psalm 110	2 Kings 18	Isaiah 7-8	John 11:55-12:19
Monday, October 19:	Psalm 111	2 Kings 19	Isaiah 9:1-7	John 12:20-50
Tuesday, October 20:	Psalm 112	2 Kings 20	Isaiah 9:8-10:34	John 13
Wednesday, October 21:	Psalm 113	2 Kings 21	Isaiah 11-12	John 14
Thursday, October 22:	Psalm 114	2 Kings 22	Isaiah 13-14	John 15:1-17
Friday, October 23:	Psalm 115	2 Kings 23:1-30	Isaiah 15-16	John 15:18-16:15
Saturday, October 24:	Psalm 116	2 Kings 23:31-24:17	Isaiah 17-18	John 16:16-33

HYMN OF THE WEEK

By All Your Saints in Warfare (sts. 1, 26, 3) *LSB 518*

PRAYERS

The following suggestions are offered as an aid in developing the habit of praying for ourselves and others each week:

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by Word and Sacrament.

Monday: For faith to live in the promise of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

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

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for deacons, teachers, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

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

Saturday: 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 as they prepare to administer and for people as they prepare to receive Christ's holy gifts.

Almighty God, our Father, Your Blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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