

forgive us our trespasses as we forgive 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.

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

1 Kings 19:11-21	Psalm 16	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Luke 5:1-11
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake</i>		LSB 688

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, July 5 through Saturday, July 11

"Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others"

Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 8:18-23; Luke 6:36-42

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36–42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, **"Vengeance is Mine; I will repay"** (Romans 12:19). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Genesis 50:15–21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know **"that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us"** (Romans 8:8–13).

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 138

LEARN BY HEART LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM

The Lord’s Prayer: The Conclusion

[For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.]

Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in Heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, July 5:	Judges 16	Jeremiah 32
	Mark 1	Psalm 4
Monday, July 6:	Judges 17	Jeremiah 33

	Mark 2-3	Psalm 5
Tuesday, July 7:	Judges 18	Jeremiah 34
	Mark 4:1-34	Psalm 6
Wednesday, July 8:	Judges 19	Jeremiah 35
	Mark 4:35-5:43	Psalm 7
Thursday, July 9:	Judges 20	Jeremiah 36
	Mark 6	Psalm 8
Friday, July 10:	Judges 21	Jeremiah 37
	Mark 7:1-8:26	Psalm 9
Saturday, July 11:	Ruth 1	Jeremiah 38
	Mark 8:27-9:50	Psalm 10

HYMN

O God, My Faithful God

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PRAYERS

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, 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