

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Deuteronomy 10:12-21

Psalm 34

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Matthew 22:34-46

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, October 4 through Saturday, October 10

“Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted”

Proverbs 25:6–14; Ephesians 4:1–6; Luke 14:1–11

“Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence” (Proverbs 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. Your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. **“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”** (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, “Friend, move up higher,” giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

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 2

LEARN BY HEART LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM: Daily Prayers (Evening)

How the head of the family should teach his household to pray morning and evening.

In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say: **“In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”** Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:

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. Amen.

Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, October 4:	Psalm 96	2 Kings 5	Zechariah 9	John 2
Monday, October 5:	Psalm 97	2 Kings 6:1-23	Zechariah 10	John 3:1-21
Tuesday, October 6:	Psalm 98	2 Kings 6:24-7:20	Zechariah 11	John 3:22-36
Wednesday, October 7:	Psalm 99	2 Kings 8	Zechariah 12-13	John 4:1-42
Thursday, October 8:	Psalm 100	2 Kings 9	Zechariah 14	John 4:43-5:18
Friday, October 9:	Psalm 101	2 Kings 10	Malachi 1:1-2:9	John 5:19-47
Saturday, October 10:	Psalm 102	2 Kings 11	Malachi 2:10-17	John 6:1-21

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

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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.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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 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.