

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Second Sunday in Advent – Populus Zion  
December 8 – December 14, AD 2024

Isn't it amazing to consider all of the things that God our Father gives to us each and every day that we didn't ask for? How often do we pray for the sun to rise in the morning? How often do we pray that water would come flowing out of our faucets at the temperature we like? There are so many things, countless things that God provides to us every day that we never asked for and that we don't bother to give thanks for. He does this purely out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy without any merit or worthiness in us. He doesn't ask if we are Christians before He sends the rain. He simply gives in His mercy because He loves us and He knows that we have needs and that He is the only one who can and will provide them. Thus, when Luther explains the Fifth Petition, he notes that what we are praying for is that God would help us to realize the great depths of His grace and generosity and actually thank and praise Him for giving us all these things. All too often our hearts are cold and hard to the daily bread God gives. We take it for granted and don't stop to consider that if God dealt with us according to what we deserve, we would not only not receive a single good thing but punishment would be heaped upon our heads for all eternity. God grant that we recognize all of the good gifts that God gives and always give Him thanks for them.

## ***The Catechism***

*As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

## ***The Lord's Prayer – The Fourth Petition***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

*What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

## THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

### INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### APOSTLES' CREED

*Psalm 51:17 – The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

*Psalm 25*

### HYMN OF THE MONTH

*"Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (LSB 334)*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC4Ctww\\_WKo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC4Ctww_WKo)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

① SUNDAY	LUKE 21:25-36	
② MONDAY	LUKE 21:25-36	COLOSSIANS 1:3-14
③ TUESDAY	MATTHEW 9:35-39	EPHESIANS 4:11-16
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 1:26-38	2 SAMUEL 7:1-17
⑤ THURSDAY	2 KINGS 6:8-23	1 CORINTHIANS 10:23-11:1
⑥ FRIDAY	2 KINGS 6:24-7:20	1 CORINTHIANS 11:1-16
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 40:1-11	1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-5

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

**SUNDAY:** *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

**MONDAY:** *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

**TUESDAY:** *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

**WEDNESDAY:** *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

**THURSDAY:** *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

**FRIDAY:** *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

**SATURDAY:** *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Tyler Sims (9), Gail Sellers (10).
- Pastor Heath as he deliberates the call to serve as Associate Pastor at Faith Plano.
- Ninette DeYoung as she anticipates brain surgery soon.
- Dan Kostoff who is awaiting approval to enter a trial drug program as standard chemotherapy has proven to be ineffective for his cancer.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Casanova, Brianna Mallon, Renae Womack for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Jill, Deanna, Devin Jackson, Greg McClure, Dana Evans, Rush, Christina Null, Sharon, Gaye, Georgette, Tim Sheehan, the Traugott family.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete) – December 15, 2024**

**Catechism:** The Ten Commandments – The Fifth Commandment

**Hymns:** 344, 345, 334, 347, 622, 346, 513

**Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 11:2-11

