

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Exaudi  
June 1 – June 7, AD 2025

**T**here are so many sources of temptation. Our weak flesh is surrounded every day by a world that is ruled by the devil who uses every opportunity he can find to lead us away from Christ and His Word. Resisting temptation is a truly constant battle - from obeying those in authority over you to always protecting the reputation of your neighbor to keeping yourself from anger to calling upon God in prayer. No matter what we are doing, the devil is seeking an opportunity to take us down like a prowling lion hunting his prey. He waits for a lapse in your attention or a moment of weakness. That is why Christ gave us to pray the Sixth Petition - "and lead us not into temptation." We need the help of the Holy Spirit and the holy angels to keep on fighting and resisting. We need God's Word to constantly be revealing the prowling devil as he tries to hide from view. We need God's strength to resist our own flesh and its evil desires. We need God's truth to recognize the world's lies and speak truth to drive them back. May Christ forgive us for ever letting down our guard and not seeking His help in temptation and may He ever guide and protect us so that we may fight the good fight of faith and resist temptation wherever it comes from.

## ***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 Sixth Petition**

### **And lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?* God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

## 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

**Matthew 5:10** – *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

### Psalm 68

### HYMN OF THE MONTH

**"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" (LSB 768)**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, EXAUDI

① SUNDAY	JOHN 15:26-16:4	
② MONDAY	LUKE 6:12-19	ECCLESIASTES 11:1-10
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 6:20-26	ECCLESIASTES 12:1-14
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 6:27-38	AMOS 3:1-8
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 6:39-49	AMOS 4:13—5:9
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 7:1-10	AMOS 5:10-24
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 11:1-9	ACTS 2:1-21

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Cassandra Tiro (3).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Reagan Armstrong (3), Winston Tiro (4).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Marc and Rachel Schwiesow (2), Kurt and Alissa Ulmer (2), James and Carol Long (6).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Michael, Greg.
- Samuel and Elizabeth Wildauer as they are confirmed.
- Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Jeannie Long, Brandon Rhodes, JE Purcell, Gene Obenhaus, Ron Lane, Abbe Fenner, George Hendon, Martha Hendon, Maureen Rump, Leah Savage.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Feast of the Day of Pentecost – June 8, 2025**

**Catechism: The Creed – Third Article and Explanation**

**Hymns:** 768, 497, 650, 633, 824, 501, 498

**Readings:** Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31

