

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of Pentecost 10
August 3-8, 2026

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

*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 permit. Learn by heart the verse and catechism.*

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

Speak the Apostles' Creed.

Verse: Romans 10:17 – “*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*”

Hymn of the Week: Lutheran Service Book #717 “*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*”

Readings for the Week: *[The readings for Thursday-Saturday are the Scriptures for this coming Sunday.]*

Monday	Psalm 18:1-16	<i>What <u>eight</u> things does the psalmist call God in vs. 1-2? What does this cause him to do? How is the Lord this for us as well? Where do we see that most clearly?</i>
Tuesday	Genesis 4:1-15	<i>What is more shocking: Cain's anger and murder, or God's mercy toward Cain? How is this a foreshadowing of God's mercy to us in Christ Jesus?</i>
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-10	<i>What is of “first importance” to Paul? Why without this is Christianity nothing? But with it, what do we have?</i>
Thursday	Job 38:4-18	<i>Why did Job question the ways of the Lord? Why do we? What was God's answer here? Why should we also keep this in mind?</i>
Friday	Romans 10:5-17	<i>Can the Law give us life? On what condition? How does faith give us life? How is this <u>un</u>conditional? Where does faith come from?</i>
Saturday	Matthew 14:22-33	<i>How did Peter go from fear to faith to fear to faith? Why? Does this ever happen to you? Why? What is the solution?</i>

The Catechism – The Lord's Prayer: The Second Petition [part 2]: *How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.*

Collect for the Week: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers: Please pray for . . .

- + yourself and for all in need (remembering especially those on our prayer list).
- + God's blessing, wisdom, and guidance for our congregation's Sunday School teachers.
- + the China Evangelical Lutheran Church, for God's wisdom, blessing, guidance, and provision.
- + God's blessing, guidance, wisdom, and strength for our circuit visitor, Ray Malec.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism.

Now joyfully go about your day (or to bed) in good cheer, child of God!

In our prayers this week, we remember:

Grace and Kyle (Kyle Wright's son) recovering from surgery; and Michael recovering from a car accident.

Audra, Martha (former member), **Bretton**, and **Rachel**, for healing, strength, and peace.

Ava, Kyle, John and Billy (friends of Mike), **Scott** (Kathy's relative), **Christina** (friend of the congregation and former attender), **Tricia** (Mickey's neighbor), **Joel** (friend of the Johnsons), for continued healing and recovery.

Rachel, for wisdom, guidance, and faith.

For all with cancer, for Your strength, faith and hope, and endurance in their treatments: **Elizabeth Libby, Susan Kunkel, Fawn, Mary Ann, Britton and Tim** (John's cousins), **Katie** (friend of Whitney), **Jeremy** (Jacob's brother), **Anthony** (friend of Pastor), **Erika, Brad, Rita, and Pam** (relatives and friends of Mickey), **Linda** (Mickey's sister), and **Kristi, Jerry, Adriana, and Kristen** (friends of the Killians).

Melody, Amanda, Katrina (Anna's sister), **Susanna and Klara** (cousin and friend of Caroline) and their babies, for safe and healthy pregnancies and deliveries.

Joseph and Joanne, Mary Ann, Barbara (Laurie's mother), and all elderly and homebound.

Suress (friend of Elizabeth), in need of a kidney transplant; **David** (Marcus' father) for safety; and **Charlie** (Eric's friend), for health and peace.

Ava (friend of Grace Libby), **Leander, Melanie** (friend of Caroline), **Rene** (friend of Randy and TJ), **Jude and Tobias** (friends of Nancy), **Timothy** (friend of Marcus), **Kristoffer** (Lena's son), and **Jason** (friend of Elizabeth), for protection, peace, hope, strength, and faith.

Jonathan Malekzadeh, Lena, Greta (Lena's mother), **Jacque** (Mickey's sister), **Heidi** (Michael Vondal's fiancé), and **Nikki** (niece of Kathy) for strength and continued health.

Kim and Dan (friends of Ben) for their upcoming marriage.

The Vondal, Wing, Vigil, and Nus families for Your blessing, protection, strength, and faith.

Beth and Josh (friends of the Killians), **Sahilis** (Viviana's sister), **Scott** (friend of Scott Killian), **Thomas** (Angela's brother), **Traci** (friend of Elizabeth), **Dorothy and Mackenzie, and their families**, for unity, protection, peace, and faith.

Leslie, Dorris, and their children (from our Spanish Bible Study) for protection and faith, and for Your wisdom and guidance for the future.

Fatma (friend of our church), **Lindsey** (TJ's friend's daughter), **Suress, Huan, Joylyn, and Sandy** (friends of Elizabeth), and **Tamim and his family** (friends of the Malekzadeh family), for the gift of faith.

For our adopted missionaries: **Rev. Chris and Jenny Yang** (Taiwan), the **Wolf family** (Africa), **Rev. Rob Kieselowsky** (Philadelphia), and **Rev. Charles Ferry** (Eurasia), for blessing, provision, wisdom, and guidance.

For our seminary students: **Rowan Turner** (4th year), **Peter Ventimiglia** (2nd year), **Nathaniel Hall** (Keisers' son-in-law, on vicarage), **Erik Preus** (vicarage), and **Thomas Malmstrom** (4th year).

For our catechumens: **Greta Bowser, Caleb Bradley, Liana Johnson, Grace Libby, and Etta, William, and Eloise Spencer.**

For our college students: **Joanna Douthwaite, Erik Eidsmoe, Nathaniel Faunce, Ben Galloway, Vincent Heuyer, Anna Kautz, Henry Magee, Caleb Malekzadeh, Tristan Price, and Joshua Vigil.**

The people of Ukraine and Russia, for peace, protection, and an end to the war, and for God to provide for those separated and displaced, especially the children.

For those serving our country in the military: **Jacqueline Teixeira, Nathaniel Faunce, Juliana Wing, Zechariah Vigil, and John Boling and his son Daniel** (friends of Mickey).

Members and friends in prayer this week: **Nathaniel Faunce**

For all who have placed their hope and trust in the name of Your beloved Son, but especially for those Christians in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Kenya, Sweden, Finland, the Sudan, and other countries, who endure serious and difficult persecution, even unto death.

For the Lord to bless **our mission church, Hope Lutheran Mission, in Purcellville, and our look into a possible Classical Lutheran School in central/western Fairfax County.**

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Remember to pray for our church officers, board members, and teachers:

President: Scott Killian
Vice President: Rob Douthwaite
Recording Secretary: Caroline Trundle
Treasurer: Logan Hansen
Financial Secretary: Dave Fields
Executive Board, Member-at-Large: John Schatz
Board of Elders: Jay Hertel (Chair), Scott Killian, Logan Hansen

Board of Evangelism and Outreach: Kathy Kieltmeyer (Chair) and Nancy Nus

Church Technology Council: Michael O'Connor, Rob Douthwaite, Jay Hertel, and Jonathan Malekzadeh

Building Committee: Rob Douthwaite, Jay Hertel, Kathy Kieltmeyer, and Scott Killian

Investment Committee: Logan Hansen and Scott Killian

Commission on Mercy: Grace Killian and Caroline Trundle

Sunday School Teachers: Scott and Grace Killian

Pastor's Assistant: Grace Killian

About this Sunday: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service: Divine Service 4 (page 203)

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of "*the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever*" (Rom. 9:5), we are "*the children of God*" (Rom. 9:8), "*not because of works but because of him who calls*" (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, "*listen diligently*" and "*hear, that your soul may live.*" By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made "*an everlasting covenant*" for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him "*and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food*" (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, "*said a blessing,*" broke the loaves, "*and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds*" (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as "*they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,*" there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).



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This Week at Saint Athanasius / Hope Lutheran Mission

TODAY

Monday-Friday

Monday, August 3

Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, August 6

Sunday, August 9

Farewell Reception for Pete Brondos

Morning Prayer on the Web, 7:00 am

Board of Elders, 7:30 p

Online Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Commission on Mercy, 7:00 pm

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Private Absolution, 8:00-8:30 am

Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 am

Divine Service, 10:15 am

Hope Lutheran Mission Divine Service, 2:00 pm

Next week's hymns: 790, 717, 628, 658, 765, 816

Farewell and Godspeed: Following the service today, we'll have a special reception to wish Pete Brondos well in his retirement as he moves to Florida. We hope you can all join us in celebrating one of our charter members, our longest-serving congregational President, and choir member extraordinaire, among many other roles. He will be missed!

Online Bible Study is back! Join us Wednesday at 7:00pm as we continue through the book of Acts, now in chapter 24.

Traveling this Summer? Don't forget to go to Church on Sunday wherever you are! If you need help finding a church where you will be, Pastor is happy to help. And please remember to bring back a bulletin with you! We get good ideas from other things churches are doing and how they do them. Thanks!

Adopt-a-Student: As some of our fellow Athanasians gear up for college, we invite you to participate as "adopters" for our college and seminary students (and those who attend here while in college!), to help and encourage them while they are away from home and attending school. We will have several students starting or continuing studies this fall and are in need of volunteers to sponsor one or more of them through the upcoming academic year. If you're interested, or for more information, please speak with Pastor, Grace Killian, or Caroline Trundle by **August 5.**

Bible Fun Day: All toddler through catechism-aged children, their parents, and volunteers are welcome to participate in a Bible Fun Day on **Friday, August 7** from 9:30am-1:30pm (lunch and snack provided). We'll meet at Great Falls Grange Park (*note change of venue*), with the home of Scott and Grace Killian as a backup in case of inclement weather. We hope you can join us for a day of fun, learning, and fellowship! If you are interested in attending or volunteering, please speak with Laurie Douthwaite or Grace Killian.

Seminarian Offering Month is this month! Thank you for supporting our seminary students, Rowan and Peter. Whether you give in the plate or online, make sure to specify your donation is for Seminarian support. Thanks!

Essential Exercise for the Christian Mind . . . Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent show subjects include: Karl Marx's Fascination with the Devil, The Fall of the Great Republics, Reducing Theology to Pithy Slogans, First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

Life Thought: "And so, our life finds its meaning in Him. Our path is directed by Him. Our future is secure in Him. Though life may take a very unexpected turn, whether with a pregnancy, an illness, depression, or sudden loss, there is hope, there is peace, and there is comfort in the compassion and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us." Rev. Paul Clark, *Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

Opportunity for Service: Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Want to help mothers and babies? The Commission on Mercy is collecting handmade baby hats, blankets, sweaters, and other handmade goods to gift to Assist Pregnancy Center clients who are preparing for motherhood. All ages and abilities are welcome to participate. Larger sizes for clothing (ie 6+ months) preferred. Speak with Caroline Trundle if you're interested in helping out or want more information.

Opportunity for Study: Bible Study isn't only for Sundays! Join us on Wednesday night at 7:00 to spend more time in the Word of God. You don't even have to leave home! This study is offered on our WebEx video conferencing service. Go to <saint-athanasius.org/WebExInstr.html> for more information on how to log on and join us, or speak to Pastor if you need more help.



Create cards to bring some cheer to a cancer patient. Be one of **"Phil's Friends!"** See Caroline Trundle for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Events

August 2-30	Seminarian Offering Month
August 7	Bible Fun Day
August 13-19	Pastor and family away
August 21	Activities Fair at Patrick Henry College
August 24-26	Pastor at Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees Meeting
September 6	Potluck Luncheon after Church
September 12	Youth Group @ Roysters
October 4	Baby Shower for Melody and Logan Hansen
October 30	Assist Pregnancy Center Vision Banquet