

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Festival of the Holy Trinity
June 1-6, 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: Matthew 9:13 – “Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Hymn of the Week: Lutheran Service Book #689 “Let Me Be Thine Forever”

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

Monday Deut 11:18-21, 26-28 *How important is the Word of God? Where should they be? Why? When should they be? Why?*

Tuesday Romans 3:21-28 *How are we all the same under the Law? How are we all the same under the Gospel? How is God the same always?*

Wednesday Matthew 7:15-29 *How does who you are and what you do go together? Who are you? What do you do? Who is and does what you cannot?*

Thursday Hosea 5:15—6:6 *Why should we return to the Lord? How do we do this? What promises do we have? What does God desire?*

Friday Romans 4:13–25 *Was it easy for Abraham to believe God? Why is faith hard? How is faith harder than keeping the Law? But why is it better?*

Saturday Matthew 9:9–13 *Why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus? What did they think Jesus was doing wrong? What was Jesus doing right?*

The Catechism – The Creed: The Second Article [part 3]: And [I believe] in Jesus Christ . . . suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell . . . *What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ . . . has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death . . .

Collect for the Week: Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Investment Committee.

+ the Portuguese Evangelical Lutheran Church, for God’s wisdom, blessing, guidance, and provision.

+ God’s blessing, guidance, wisdom, and provision for our Synod’s Soldiers of the Cross program.

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:

Ken, John, Kyle, Christina (friend of the congregation and former attender), **Tricia** (Mickey's neighbor), **Joel** (friend of the Johnsons), for continued healing and recovery.

Rachel, and **Scott and Dick** (relatives of Kathy) for upcoming surgeries.

For all with cancer, for Your strength, faith and hope, and endurance in their treatments: **Elizabeth Libby, Susan Kunkel, Fawn, Mary Ann, 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), and **Ashley** (Michelle's daughter-in-law), 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), **Emily** (Rob's co-worker), **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), and **Rev. Rob Kieselowsky** (Philadelphia), for blessing, provision, wisdom, and guidance.

For our seminary students: **Nathaniel Hall** (Keisers' son-in-law), **Erik Preus**, and **Thomas Malmstrom** (on vicarage).

For our catechumens: **Greta Bowser, 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, Caleb Malekzadeh, Tristan Price, Timothy Strand, 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: **Joseph and Joanne Malekzadeh**

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 Kielmeyer (Chair) and Nancy Nus

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

Building Committee: Rob Douthwaite, Jay Hertel, Kathy Kielmeyer, 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 Festival of the Holy Trinity

Order of Service: Divine Service 1 (page 151)

The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus

The holy Triune God “*created the heavens and the earth,*” and “*behold, it was very good*” (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God’s good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be “*delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God*” to be “*crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*” (Acts 2:23). As Jesus “*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to “*make disciples of all nations*” by “*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*” and “*teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded*” (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is “*very good*” (Gen. 1:31).



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This Week at Saint Athanasius / Hope Lutheran Mission

Monday-Friday	Morning Prayer on the Web, 7:00 am
Monday, June 1	Board of Elders, 7:30 pm
Wednesday, June 3	Online Bible Study, 7:00 pm
Thursday, June 4	Commission on Mercy, 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 6	Youth Catechesis, 8:00 am
Sunday, June 7	<i>The Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 am Divine Service, 10:15 am

Online Bible Study is back this week! We'll close out Acts chapter 20 this week. Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Thank You Seminarian Nathaniel Hall for serving as our liturgist today! Be sure to say hi to him and his family before they head off to Green Bay, WI for his vicarage.

(Home)school Chapel: *It's all over! Did you miss it?* You can go back and watch our archive of school chapels on our YouTube channel. Each lectionary year has a separate playlist, so they will still be available if they are helpful to you to spend time in the Word of God and prayer.

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken to inform and educate about things happening in our world today from a biblical perspective and worldview. Our congregation is a sponsor of this worldwide ministry. If you haven't listened, take some time to check it out – you won't regret it! You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Life Thought: "If we want to save more Trinitarian-valued lives, then we need to knock a Humpty Dumpty way of thinking about words off the wall. We need to speak of the reality behind the word 'abortion' and use such a time as this to speak of the reality behind the Word made flesh to dwell among us and in us and for us. You have been called for such a time as this." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Congregational Meeting: As a follow-on to our Congregational Summit in March, we're having a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 14 after the service. We aim to continue the conversations about our future, and we expect it will last 60-90 minutes. And yes, we'll provide food! Please plan to stay, even if you were unable to attend in March – we want all to participate. For more information, please speak with Jay Hertel or Scott Killian.

Opportunity for Service: Don't you love when we have special music in church? Do you have some musical talent? Can you sing? Can you play an instrument? We'd love to have you help with the music in our Divine Service! Speak with Pastor or Laurie Douthwaite if you think you might be able to help in this way.

Opportunity for Study: From time to time Pastor conducts an adult catechesis class. This is for folks who would like to become members of our congregation and haven't yet been confirmed. But these classes are the perfect opportunity for you to join us and refresh what you learned before. They are offered on our WebEx video conferencing service. Watch for when the next class will be offered and give it a try!



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

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| June 14 | Congregational Vision Meeting and Luncheon |
| June 30 – July 3 | Youth attending Higher Things Conference, Saint Louis, MO |