

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of Pentecost 19
October 5-10, 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: Philippians 4:4 – “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

Hymn of the Week: Lutheran Service Book #572 “In the Shattered Bliss of Eden”

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

Monday	Psalm 23	<i>Where is the table of the Lord? Why? Who/What are these? How is the Lord with us in the midst of these?</i>
Tuesday	Genesis 28:10-17	<i>What promise did Jacob receive? Who received it before him? Why did Jacob need it? Why do we? How did his vision go along with this promise?</i>
Wednesday	Matthew 9:1-8	<i>How do physical and spiritual healing go together? Why? How are they often separated in our day and age? How could we benefit by seeing them holistically again?</i>
Thursday	Isaiah 25:6–9	<i>What mountain is Isaiah talking about? What feast? How will the Lord provide it? For who? What comes with this feast for us?</i>
Friday	Philippians 4:4–13	<i>Where do our joy and peace come from? Why? How? How does this set us free to think on the things of God?</i>
Saturday	Matthew 22:1-14	<i>Why is this wedding feast so important to the king? Why does he want people to come? What wedding garment do we need for this fest? How do we receive it?</i>

The Catechism – Baptism: What is Baptism: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s Word. *Which is that Word of God?* Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

Collect for the Week: Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through 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 treasurer, Logan Hansen.
 - + Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia, for God’s wisdom, blessing, guidance, and provision.
 - + God’s blessing, guidance, and provision for Lutheran World Relief and Human Care.
- 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:

Terry (Pastor's friend), **Desmond** (friend of Yee-Peng), and **Dennis** (Brie's father), recovering from surgery.

Kyle, John and Billy (friends of Mike), **Kyle and Rachel** (Kyle Wright's son and daughter), **Christina** (friend of the congregation and former attender), **Tricia** (Mickey's neighbor), **Joel** (friend of the Johnsons), for continued healing and recovery.

For all with cancer, for Your strength, faith and hope, and endurance in their treatments: **Elizabeth Libby, Susan Kunkel, Susan** (Kyle's mother), **Mari** (friend of Lena), **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, Susanna and Klara (cousin and friend of Caroline), **Adrienne** (Logan's sister), **Heather** (Melody's sister), 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; 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.

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, Liana Johnson, Grace Libby, Joelene Royster, and Etta, William, and Eloise Spencer.**

For our college students: **Joanna Douthwaite, Erik Eidsmoe, Nathaniel Faunce, Ben Galloway, Ryan Hertel, Anna Kautz, Christie Keiser, Henry Magee, Caleb and Eli Malekzadeh, Emelyn Royster, Tristan Price, Joshua Vigil, Jocelyn Vondal, and David Yang.**

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: **Scott, Grace, and Abby Killian**

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service: Divine Service 2 (page 167)

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted "on a very fertile hill" (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with "choice vines," but also building the "watchtower" of His prophets and hewing out the "wine vat" of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when "he looked for it to yield grapes," there were only "wild grapes" of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth "the fruits in their seasons" (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he "suffered the loss of all things" in order to "gain Christ and be found in him," to "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:8–10).



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This Week at Saint Athanasius / Hope Lutheran Mission

TODAY	Hansen Baby Shower, 12:00 Noon-2:00 pm
Monday-Friday	Morning Prayer on the Web, 7:00 am
Monday-Thursday	<i>Pastor away at SELC District General Pastors Conference and Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees Meeting.</i>
Wednesday, October 7	Evening Prayer @ PHC, 9:30 pm (tentative)
Saturday, October 10	Executive Board Budget Meeting, 3:00 pm
	Youth Group @ Roysters, 6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday, October 11	<i>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	Youth Catechesis, 8:00 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: 876, 572, 631, 648, 732, 813

Pastor is away Oct 4-8 attending the SELC District Church Worker Conference and Lutheran Haven meetings. If you need pastoral care or assistance, please call our Elders, Jay Hertel (703.861.7025), Scott Killian (860.919.0846), and Logan Hansen (414.659.1551). They will be able to help you or arrange pastoral care in the case of an emergency.

NO Online Bible Study this week while Pastor is away.

Baby Shower TODAY: Please join us in rejoicing with Melody and Logan Hansen for the gift of a baby! We'll gather at Glyndon Park Pavilion in Vienna following the service. All are welcome; there will be food! In addition, we are collecting well wishes and advice for Melody & Logan; if you are unable to attend the shower, you can still participate by filling out the cards on the back table or by speaking with Caroline.

Youth Group for 6th-12th graders meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month at the Roysters' home. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend **THIS Saturday, October 10th** – there will be food, and fellowship and Bible study from 6-8pm. Please reach out to Tim or Yee-Peng with any questions.

Assist Pregnancy Center Vision Dinner: Sign up! Join us! Our congregation is sponsoring a table at this annual banquet on Friday, October 30th. We want you to join us! Find out more about how we can support their work in saving babies, helping mothers, and strengthening families. Speak to Pastor, Grace Killian, or Caroline Trundle for more information or to reserve your seat.

Life Thought: “Your life is valuable, and your life has purpose. It was not an accident; it was planned from the beginning. But that doesn’t mean it will be easy. You will experience hardship and suffering. As you age, your body will wear out. Your mind will dull. Your abilities will lessen. And yet, it is in your body with all of its brokenness that the Holy Spirit resides. It is this, your body, that God the Father formed by hand, and it is this, your body, that Jesus, God’s Son, redeemed. And your body, a unique and miraculous gift, will be raised from the dead and made new.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Revelation Bible Study . . . The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Revelation. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and a podcast provider.

Opportunity for Service: Who was that nice man who helped me when I came to church for the first time? That was one of our ushers! They help pass out bulletins, answer questions, give directions, and whatever else is needed in the service. All you really need is a smile and welcome and help in this way! Speak with Head Elder Jay Hertel for more information.

Opportunity for Study: We offer Bible Study for teens and adults and Sunday School for children every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Join us! Time in the Word of God is vital for our life as Christians and for a healthy congregation. And not only you will benefit – so will we! You will be a blessing to us as you participate in our reading and discussion. Hope to see you!



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

October 5-8	Pastor away at SELC District General Pastors Conference and Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees Meeting
October 10	Executive Board Budget Meeting Youth Group @ Roysters, 6:00-8:00 pm
October 25	Festival of the Reformation
October 30	Assist Pregnancy Center Vision Banquet
November 1	The Feast of All Saints