Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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September 13, 2026 A.D. The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

This brief service is intended as a simple form of daily prayer for individuals and families. When more than one person is present, the Psalm and other parts of the service may be spoken responsively, with one person reading the words in regular type and the others responding with the words in bold type. The Creed and Prayers that are in bold type are to be said by all.

The sign of the cross ✢ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Psalm *From Psalm 143*

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
I have fled to you for refuge!
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

Scripture Lesson (*Matthew 18:21-35*)

21 Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive
him? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times
seven.

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts
with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.
25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he
had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me,
and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and
forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who
owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So
his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He
refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what
had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken
place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt
because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had
mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.
35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your
heart."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Bethany's Prayer List

Thanksgiving
- Ava, Taylor and Levi Ballstaedt– baptized today
- 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Entrusting into God's Care
- Lutheran Bible Translators

Healing
- Emily Kroemer– recovering after surgery
- Cait (friend of Kroemers)- cancer

- Dave Johnson– health issues
- Ben Mims– recovering after surgery
- Earlene Francik– health issues
- Taylor (relative of Dawn Thomas)- pregnancy complications
- Jerry (father of Jolene Trent)- recovering after hospitalization
- Vern Piering– recovering after hospitalization
- Jennine Robinson– recovering after surgery
- Brandon (son of Nick and Joleen Trent) -health issues
- Ron Prescott– recovering after surgery
- Linda Patten - health issues
- Carolyn Johnson– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Philip Hackbardt– health issues
- Tom Larson - health issues

Homebound
- Elda Joyner– at home

Grief (family and friends of)
- Ray Hopkins (former members)– died 8/31
- Chuck (uncle of Pastor Erickson)- died 8/16

Serving Our Country
- Charles Clark - IA National Guard
- Hunter (husband of Sarah Ealy) - IA National Guard
- Eli (brother of Ashton Berberich) - Marines
- Aiden (grandson of Foremans) - US Army
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz) - US Army
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy

Collect of the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Concluding Prayers

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Together we pray… **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day**

also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Fall Festival — Sunday, September 20 - Join us for one worship service at 9:30 a.m., fellowship , yard games, bounce house and Photo Booth at 10:45 a.m., lunch at 11:15 a.m., and bingo, face painting and backpack packing for Orphan Grain Train at noon. RSVP for lunch at the Welcome Counter.

Women's group will start at Bethany on **Monday, October 5**. All women are welcome to join us Mondays at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Sign up , and pay for your book at the Welcome Counter and we will get your book to you, or stop in the office during business hours to get your copy.

Monday Adult Bible Study will begin **at 7:00 p.m.** on **October 5.** Together we will explore the gift of Holy Baptism. **If interested, p**lease sign up at the Welcome Counter so materials can be ordered.

Calling all ***moms*** with young children! A **moms' bible study** is starting on **Saturday, October 10th**! All mothers with young children are invited to the **Bethany nursery at 9 a.m.** to let your children play and for the moms to get acquainted. A bible study (and snacks!) will be provided. You may choose to discuss the bible study together or take it home. Contact Cindy Goerdt with questions. **We hope to see you there!**

Men's Bible Study has resumed, and all men are welcome to join us. The group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. in the Adult Education Room. In this study, men are currently diving deeper into Exodus.

Don't miss the **Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Event at St. Paul's Lutheran, Marion,** this **Saturday September 26, 2026**. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with a brunch and program beginning at 9:00. Jan Doellinger and the board will be presenting an update on the status of Christ Lutheran High School, set to open one year from now. Find out how you can support this endeavor in this ever-changing world. "Train up a child in the way he should go." Proverbs 22:6. RSVP **at the Welcome Counter.** Hope to see you there!

Senior Worship is **Thursday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m.**, with lunch to follow. Please let the church office know if you will be attending the lunch.

Save the Date- **Bethany bike ride** and **ice cream** on Sunday, October 11, starting at 2:00 PM. Sign up starting next week.

The deadline for **Beacon** submissions to be included in the October & November issue is **Friday, September 18**.

Thank you to all who donated school supplies for **Orphan Grain Train**, all needs have been met!