

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen**

Apostles' Creed

Psalm

Psalm 27; antiphon: v. 4

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you,
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

THE READINGS

Sun	July 20	1 Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22
Mon	July 21	1 Samuel 4:1-22; Acts 16:23-40
Tue	July 22	1 Samuel 5:1-6:3,10-16; Acts 18:1-11,23-28
Wed	July 23	1 Samuel 6:19-7:17; Acts 19:1-22
Thu	July 24	1 Samuel 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36
Fri	July 25	1 Samuel 9:1-27; Acts 21:37-22:16
Sat	July 26	1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29

PRAYER OF THE WEEK: O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

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Affirming the sanctity of every life means more than just political controversies or worldly concerns. Human lives embody spiritual matters because they arrive as the work, purpose, and property of God's hands (Psalm 138:8). Who needs abortion or assisted suicide when the Heavenly Father urges us to ask for, expect, and await miracles (Luke 11:9-10).

LSLC Things to Know

-**REMINDER: This is the last week to submit up to 5 of your favorite hymns from the *Lutheran Service Book*.** Everyone is encouraged to fill out a form and **return it by July 27th** (disregard the due date on the form itself). The forms are on the shelf behind the organ in the narthex.

-Our **annual congregational picnic** will be held on Sunday, **August 3rd** at 11:30 a.m. Brats and burgers will be provided. A sign-up sheet for side dishes is on the bulletin board if you wish to bring something (not required). The Come Back Choir will also be coming back! Feel free to invite friends and family.

SAY A PRAYER, SEND A CARD, OR GIVE A CALL

Please Pray For:

*Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Wayne Bahr, Don Engel,
Bob Schweitzer, Norman Gerard*

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

*5 Dean & Phyllis Hanke A, 11 Rick & Joan Huedepohl A, 15
Ron & Beth Martin A, 27 Karen Lehmann B*

July Baptismal Anniversaries

20 Lil Baker