

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 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 138; antiphon: v. 3

¹I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

THE READINGS

Sun	July 27	1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 22:30-23:11
Mon	July 28	1 Samuel 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35
Tue	July 29	1 Samuel 14:47-15:9; Acts 24:1-23
Wed	July 30	1 Samuel 15:10-35; Acts 24:24-25:12
Thu	July 31	1 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 25:13-27
Fri	August 1	1 Samuel 17:1-19; Acts 26:1-23
Sat	August 2	1 Samuel 17:20-47; Acts 26:24-27:8

PRAYER OF THE WEEK: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Welcome to Worship! The watchword in today's readings is, "prayer." In our Introit, God says, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me." Today's Old Testament Lesson is the account of Abraham pleading with God for the righteous people living in Sodom. The Gospel is the account of Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. In the collect, we pray, "Let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants." The Epistle is a continuation of the reading from Colossians.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

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Surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses involve 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: Favorite Hymn forms due today.** If you haven't already done so please place in basket on the shelf in the narthex behind the organ.

-Our **annual congregational picnic** will be held **NEXT 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