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Why Go To Private Confession?

I recently listened to a pastor speak about the means of God's saving grace that He gives us in His word and sacraments. One of the things he spoke about was the danger of using legalistic language when speaking about the means the Holy Spirit uses to forgive our sins. How might this legalistic language sound? Questions such as: How often do I have to go to church? Do I have to go to the Lord's Supper after hearing the sermon? Do I have to go to private confession if I've confessed my sins in the corporate confession? How much do I have to pray?

Inventing legal schemes such as these robs God of the glory and honor of His name, and His desire to give His saving promises to us in abundance. When speaking of the 3rd commandment, for example, should we say we have to go to church or that we get to go to church? The truth is it is both. God commands us to remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. It is either kept holy by us or profaned by us. It certainly is not kept holy by us if we forsake going to church on Sunday in favor of doing something else.

Likewise, using the forgiveness of sins we receive on Sunday mornings after the corporate confession, as an excuse not to go to private confession, is not in keeping with desiring to receive from God all the ways He wants to forgive our sins. While it is forgiveness of sins in both cases, it is not God working in the same way. The same is true if speaking about Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Should we deprive ourselves of the forgiveness of sins in the body and blood of Christ just because we received the forgiveness of sins in Baptism?

This is one reason why the catechism clearly teaches us the following: but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts (5th chief part). The corporate, public confession is a general confession, not a specific confession. Likewise, the absolution spoken in private absolution by the pastor is specific to your sins, not to anyone else's sins. That gospel is just for you. That forgiveness of sins is just for you. Note the great comfort especially given to David after he confessed his sin to Nathan (2 Samuel 12), and you will see the peace God desires to give those who have any sins that are troubling their conscience.

Continued blessings in Christ Jesus,

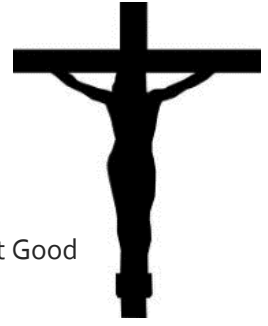
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The Congregation at Prayer



The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Invocation:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

The Small Catechism: Table of Duties

Aug. 31-Sept. 6	To Husbands: Colossians 3:19
Sept. 7-13	To Wives: Ephesians 5:22
Sept 14-20	To Wives: 1 Peter 3:5-6
Sept 21-27	To Parents: Ephesians 6:4

Readings:

Trinity 11 (Aug. 31-Sept. 6)

Psalm 50:7-23	Genesis 4:1-15
Old Testament:	Ephesians 2:1-10
Epistle:	Luke 18:9-14
Gospel:	

Trinity 12 (Sept 7-13)

Psalm 146	Isaiah 29:17-24
Old Testament:	Romans 10:9-17
Epistle:	Mark 7:31-37
Gospel:	

Trinity 13 (Sept 14-20)

Psalm 32	2 Chronicles 28:8-15
Old Testament:	Galatians 3:15-22
Epistle:	Luke 10:23-37
Gospel:	

St. Matthew (Sept 21-27)

Psalm 119:33-40	Ezekiel 2:8-3:11
Old Testament:	Ephesians 4:7-16
Epistle:	Matthew 9:9-13
Gospel:	

Hymn of the Month:

LSB 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

Prayers:

In our Prayers this week at Zion:

Use your weekly bulletin and include the prayer requests listed in each week's bulletin.

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.

Morning Prayer:

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.

Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.

Blessing:

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Word of the Month

Terms Relating to Worship and God's House

Responsory

Scripture verses sung or spoken after the reading of Scripture in Matins, Vespers, and Compline. (see p. 221-22)

Hymn of Invocation: 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
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Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640–90; (sts. 1–3, 5): tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, adapt.; (st. 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, adapt.
Tune: Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615
Text and tune: Public domain

Dakota Boys and Girls ranch is thankful for friends like you who out of the goodness of their hearts and with a generous spirit, choose to help our young people find God's light through the depths of their darkness. Thank you for your recent gift to help heal the children at the Ranch.

Thank you so much for your donation to our adaptive riding program. Your support is so Amazing and your donation is life changing for our student and helps us continue this program.

Thank you for your gift to Women's Care Center. You are making more of a difference than you could imagine for families in our area. Thank you for being a lifeline for so many families in need! We are deeply grateful for your love and support for this mission.

Luther Classic College

The Luther Classical Collage is located on sixteen acres on the campus of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and School, Casper, WY. With a population of 60,000, Casper has two conservative, liturgical LCMS congregations of about three hundred members each. The college will be opening in the Fall of 2025.

The college is taking a staged approach to build its multi-facility campus. The buildings will include space for classrooms, library, auditorium, offices, and a common area for students to gather. Houses for student living will also be built on campus. The Wyoming District Office is just south of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and has the beginnings of a theological library.

The college will provide a conservative, classical Lutheran education to Lutheran students. Paramount will be the promotion of Christian culture, a stress on the priority of Christian marriage, family, and piety, and a cultivation of confessional Lutheran theology, liturgy, hymnody, and identity. With courses using the "great books" of the past for the core curriculum, the college will offer Latin, history, theology, literature, logic, rhetoric, music, geometry, biology, and mathematics, all within a purposefully Christian and Lutheran framework.

The college years are typically the most formative years in a young adult's life. These are the years when they most often find their spouses, decide on a career, and make decisions that last a lifetime. There is desperate need for a college where conservative Lutheran young men and women can learn the truth of the Christian faith, be encouraged in genuine Lutheran culture, and meet pious, Lutheran husbands and wives. The return to a classical model, which hands down both traditional morality and clear thinking through study of logic, rhetoric, and the best of ancient literature and wisdom, will prepare students for life in church, home, and community.

All funds received will go directly to the Luther Classical College.



September Birthdays

- 2 – Jim Asche
- 3 – Harry Neustel
- 6 – Adam Neustel
Tim Rehborg
- 10- Rosa Brockman
- 12– Kay Drevlow
- 13 – Agnes Dudas
- 15 – Sparky Engquist
Vicki Roeder
Tina Vincent
- 16- Lydia Grieve
- 18 – Lyle Halvorson
- 19 – Halle Nelson
- 26– Lindy Orn
- 27– Liz Neustel

**Annual Church
Cleaning
Monday, Sept.
21st @ 9 am**

**List of areas to be
cleaned
is on the counter in
the
fellowship hall**



Acolytes

Hudson and Elders

Prayer Families



September 6

Phillip & Quinn Enderson, Scarlett
PO Box 167
Abercrombie, ND 58001

September 20

Karen Euscher
12456 Hwy 13
Stirum, ND 58069

September 13

Corey & Paty Essig, Slatin, Logan
432 4th St. NW
Gwinner, ND 58040

September 27

April Gaden
26 Broadway Ave E
Delamere, ND 58060



Ushers

6th Randal

13th Ron

20th Brian

27th Andrew



6th Krista

13th Brain

20th Evan

27th Cindy

*Note: If you are unable to serve on your
scheduled date,
we ask that you please contact another
member to switch with.*

Counters

6th : Michelle and Bob

13th : Jim and Brian

20th : Sam and Jason

27th : Gary and Michelle



Cleaners List

6-12

- Tim & JoAnne Rehborg
- Allen & Diane McDaniel

13- 19

- Jim & Marge Asche
- Jason & Hollie Asche

20-26

- Eric & Brook Olson
- Sam & Beka Helm
- Duane & Shelli Begemann

27-Oct. 3

- Grover & Jan Riebe
- Ron & Chelie Greenmyer
- Andrew & Katie Greenmyer

**Please remember to sign
your name on the chart
on the bulletin board by
the kitchen noting which
area of the church you
have cleaned**



September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Pastor's Circuit Winkel @ Zion 9:30 a.m. Matins	2 Pastor away	3	4	5
6 10 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 Bible Study	7 Pastor's Day Off	8	9 9:00 am Bible Study (Z) 10 a.m. Private C/A (Z) 2:00 p.m. Bible Study (R)	10	11	12
13 10:30 Divine Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Coffee 11:45 Bible Study	14 Calov Conference @Zion/Ellen. LWML-meeting @ 6:30 pm (R)	15 Calov Conference @Zion/Ellendale LWML meeting @ 2:00 pm (Z)	16 9:00 am Bible Study (Z) 2:00 p.m. Bible Study (R)	17	18	19 LWML Fall Retreat @Concordia in Jamestown
20 10:30 Divine Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Coffee 11:45 Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Private C/A 2 p.m. Confessions	21 Church Cleaning (Z)	22	23 9:00 am Bible Study (Z) 2:00 p.m. Bible Study (R)	24	25 2 p.m. Lisbon Hospital Bible Study Turtle Mountain Ladies Retreat Friday- Sunday	26
27 10:30 Divine Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Coffee 11:45 Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Private C/A	28	29	30 9:00 am Bible Study (Z) 2:00 p.m. Bible Study (R)			