

Bread of Life

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Plymouth, NE
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Week of July 25, 2010

Theme: Followers of Christ Listen When God Speaks

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday—Matthew 5:13-16; John 8:31-36 Tuesday—Galatians 6:7-10; Matthew 12:33-37
Wednesday—Colossians 1:3-11; James 2:1-17 Thursday—1 Corinthians 12:12-13:3
Friday—Philippians 1:6-11; Philippians 2:12-18 Saturday—Matthew 21:18-22; Revelation 14:14-20
Throughout the Week—Psalms 86-88

Prayer of the Day for the week of Pentecost 9

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to 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. Amen.

Hymn Verses of the Week “I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus” CW 510

I pray you, dear Lord Jesus,
My heart to keep and train
That I your holy temple
From youth to age remain.
Oh, turn my thoughts forever
From worldly wisdom's lore;
If I but learn to know you,
I shall not want for more.

Catechism for the Week—The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.
What does this mean?

In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

The Why in our Worship

The Creed (Credo)—As Christians we cannot help but confess what we believe and teach. The creeds are a faithful and beautiful explanation of just that. We can joyfully and boldly declare with Christians from the past, present, and future that we believe in one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The creeds were developed in the past to defend against false teaching and to educate those interested in learning the faith. The creeds still serve both purposes today. We traditionally use the Nicene Creed when we celebrate Holy Communion and the Apostles' Creed when we do not. The longer Athanasian Creed is often used on Holy Trinity Sunday. The Creed can be sung (CW 270 and 271 are options). The *Te Deum* (found in Morning praise and CW 277, CW 278) has sometimes been called the “Fourth Creed.”

Thought for the Week

Large Catechism Preface “Certainly you will not release a stronger incense or other repellant against the devil than to be engaged by God's commandments and words, and speak, sing, or think them.”

Thought for the Week II

Large Catechism Third Commandment—“On this day of rest (since we can get no other chance), we have the freedom and time to attend divine service. We come together to hear and use God's Word, and then to praise God, to sing and to pray....This means we should daily be engaged with God's Word and carry it in our hearts and upon our lips. But as said above, since we don not always have free time, we must devote several hours a week for the sake of the young, or at least a day for the sake of the entire multitude, to being concerned about this alone. We must especially teach the use of the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, and so direct our whole life and being according to God's Word...God's Word is the true 'holy thing' above all holy things. Yes, it is the only one we Christians know and have.”

Prepare for Next Week's Worship: (Mission Festival)

Lessons: Isaiah 12:1-6; Acts 16:25-34; Luke 24:44-48 **Hymn of the Day:** CW 579

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, Personal Prayers

Sunday: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments; for faithful preaching and hearing of the Word.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the lonely and oppressed.

Wednesday: Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our community; for schools (remembering also our high schools, Martin Luther College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary).

Thursday: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church in places we cannot go; for faithful distribution and reception of the Lord's Supper.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of Christ crucified; for spread of the Gospel throughout the world and our community; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are struggling or who have fallen away, for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive God's gifts in public worship.

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

Luther's Morning Prayer- In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer- In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Personal Prayers—(Remembering those in our congregation, your family and friends, prayers of intercession and prayers of thanksgiving).