

**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 9-10, 11

O God, be- / hold our shield,\*  
and look upon the face of Your a- / nointed.  
For a day / in Your courts\*  
is better than a / thousand.  
How lovely is Your tabernacle, O / Lord of hosts!\*  
My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts / of the Lord;  
Blessed are those who dwell / in Your house;\*  
They will still be / praising You  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God\*  
than dwell in the tents of / wickedness.  
The Lord will give grace and / glory;\*  
no good thing will / He withhold.

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK 1 Thessalonians 5:18  
“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

**7** READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK  
Keep, we implore You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of mankind without You cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**9** PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

**10** SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK TLH 36, LSB 895  
Now Thank We All Our God Martin Rinckhart



- 1. Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven:  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore!  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.



“The Thankfulness Wrought by the Spirit”

**1** BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**2** SAY THE 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.

**3** PRAY 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.

**4** PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

*Morning.* 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.* 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.

THEME OF THE WEEK: **The Thankfulness Wrought by the Spirit**

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,” writes James (1:17). The word “every” is no exaggeration. Everything we have and are has been given to us by God, which not only includes those things that have to do with this body and life but also those things that have to do with the soul and eternal life. It includes those great gifts which we are quick to acknowledge and those seemingly insignificant gifts which we often overlook. Above all, it includes the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, who loved us and gave Himself for us. All that is ours, whatever it may be, is given to us freely by God “without any merit or worthiness in us.” For this reason the Holy Spirit moves us to give thanks in all circumstances, according to the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 17:11-19 – Saved by Faith Alone**

Jesus said to the Samaritan leper, “Your faith has saved you.” The Samaritan was saved not because there was anything worthwhile in him, but because he looked in faith to Jesus Christ alone. He first trusted that Christ would show mercy and heal him, and then he returned to Him in praise and thanksgiving. Still today Jesus wills to cleanse souls corrupted by sin. In faith, therefore, let us look not to ourselves but to Christ alone for mercy and praise, and thank His holy Name for all His benefits to us. *We thank You, Lord Jesus, for Your mercy and forgiveness. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 119:105-112 (NUN) – The Infinite Blessing of God’s Word**

It is a blessed thing that the longest psalm (indeed the longest chapter in the Bible) is a meditation and prayer about God’s Word, for the blessings that come to us through the Word are beyond our ability to number. This is reflected in the many synonyms that are used in this portion of Psalm 119 for it: word, rules, law, precepts, testimonies, statutes. We can and should spend our entire lives in God’s Word, for there the Holy Spirit is continually at work to give us light and life and joy now and forever, even to the end. *We thank You, O God, for the gift of Your blessed Word. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **Galatians 5:16-24 – The Work of the Flesh Versus the Work of the Spirit**

The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the flesh only works sins like jealousy, rivalries, envy, and other things like these. The end of such things is death. We however belong not to the flesh but to Christ Jesus. He has purchased and won us by His blood; He has made us His own through Holy Baptism. Therefore let us repent of the ingratitude wrought by the flesh, cling to Christ alone in faith for the forgiveness of sins, and walk in new life by the Spirit, in the true thankfulness that is wrought by Him alone. *We thank You, Christ Jesus, that You have redeemed us and made us Your own. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Jeremiah 17:13, 14 – Written in the Lamb’s Book of Life**

How fleeting is the honor given to men on earth! Most people are only remembered for a generation or two after they die. Only the names of a very, very few are recalled centuries after their deaths, and in the end what good is that? They are still dead. But for those who have hoped in the Lord, their names are not written in the earth alone but in the Book of Life of the Lamb who was slain. Those who turn to Him for healing and salvation are truly healed and saved eternally and will praise His name forevermore. *We thank You, O Lord, because You have written our names in the Book of Life for Jesus’ sake. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **John 5:1-15 – Jesus Comes for the Lowly**

When Jesus went up to Jerusalem during one of the feasts of the Jews, He went to a place where there were a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. There He healed a man who had been helpless for almost four decades. What a wonderful reflection of our Lord’s compassion! Truly He came to seek and to save the lost! Still today He comes to poor, miserable sinners who cannot save themselves. Still today He heals them by His grace alone. Still today our Lord’s presence makes the church a true Bethesda, which means “House of Mercy.” *We thank You, Lord Jesus, for Your compassion toward us poor sinners. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Acts 3:1-10 – Disciples Follow Their Teacher**

“It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher,” Jesus said. So the disciples Peter and John showed mercy to a lame man in the name of their Lord and Teacher Jesus Christ, as He did. We too are disciples of the Lord Jesus through Baptism and the Word of God. Thus we are called to show God’s love and mercy to others. Jesus wills that we Christians follow His example of compassion toward those who suffer, visiting the sick and caring for the lowly, even as we have first received His love and mercy by grace alone. *We thank You, dear Jesus, that we may share Your love with those who are in need. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 66 – Shout for Joy to God, All the Earth**

When Adam fell, creation itself was subjected to futility, in bondage to corruption. But in the fullness of time, God, who made all creatures, became Man to deliver us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Having risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, Christ has promised to return in glory on the Last Day to create new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. For all this, the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy, even as the whole Church sings praises to God for His awesome deeds toward the children of men. *We thank You, O God, for the hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.*