



The Parish at Prayer  
Saint John's  
Lutheran Church & School  
Week of  
21–27 January 2018



*Pray and confess out loud as much from this order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.  
Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn.*

### Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Hymn**      *Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying*      LSB 597

Water, blood, and Spirit crying,  
By their witness testifying  
To the One whose death-defying  
Life has come, with life for all.

**Verse**      Matthew 4:17    ESV  
*"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,  
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

**Catechism**      **The Second Petition**

Thy kingdom come.  
*What does this mean?*  
The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer,  
but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?*  
God's kingdom comes  
when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit,  
so that by His grace we believe His holy Word  
and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

**Apostles' Creed**

### 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

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.

### Luther's 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.