

**The Congregation at Prayer**  
*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*  
**For the Week of Easter 6**  
*May 10-15, 2021*

**The Order of Meditation and Prayer**

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

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

**Speak the Apostles' Creed.**

**Verse: John 17:17** – “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

**Hymn of the Week: Lutheran Service Book #564** “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”

**Readings for the Week** [*The readings for Monday-Wednesday are the Scriptures for our Ascension Eve Divine Service. The readings for Thursday-Saturday are the Scriptures for this coming Sunday.*]

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 1:1-11	<i>How is the Spirit coming and the kingdom coming really the same?</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ephesians 1:15-23	<i>How is Jesus continuing to send His Spirit today? Why?</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Luke 24:44-53	<i>How do Jesus’ ascension and the Spirit’s sending at Pentecost go together? Why is this important and necessary?</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 1:12-26	<i>Why was “witness to Jesus’ resurrection” a necessary requirement for an apostle?</i>
<b>Friday</b>	1 John 5:9-15	<i>What is “the testimony of God” John speaks of here? What is it important that we believe about the Son of God?</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	John 17:11b-19	<i>Oneness, joy, sanctification. Why does Jesus pray for these things for us? How does the evil one work against all these things?</i>

**The Catechism – The Sacrament of the Altar:** *Where is this written?* The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**Collect for the Week:** O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**The Prayers:** Please pray for . . .

- + yourself and for all in need (remembering especially those on our prayer list).
- + the Word of God to dwell in your richly, forming and informing you in all ways.
- + God’s blessing, wisdom, and guidance for our congregational treasurer Logan Hansen.
- + the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria (Russia), for God’s blessing, guidance, and provision.
- + God’s blessing, guidance, and provision for Hope for the Destitute (Kenya).

*Conclude with the Lord’s Prayer and Luther’s Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism.*

***Now joyfully go about your day (or to bed) in good cheer, child of God!***

## **In our prayers this week, we remember:**

**Kyle, Lisa, and family** (family of Ray and Barbara), for healing from Covid.

**Elizabeth Libby**, continuing recovery from her stem cell transplant.

**Neely** (former member) in need of a kidney transplant.

**Susan Cassell and Peter** (friend of Pastor) for continued healing and strength.

**Angela Keiser, Nikki** (niece of Kathy Kielmeyer), **Bob** (grandfather of Maddie Brown [PHC]), and **Alton and Josephine** (brother and sister-in-law of Eric Blaesing), all recovering and rehabilitating from hospitalizations.

**Carris Vondal, Lisa Votraw, and Dan Miksa** [HLC], for protection, healing, and strength.

For those who are elderly and/or homebound: **Roy Clark** and **Reinhardt Wing**.

**The Vondal, Wing, Vigil, and Nus families** for Your blessing, protection, strength, and faith.

**Eva Marsh, Jonathan Malekzadeh, and Jacque** (Mickey Vondal's sister), for Your continued strength and healing.

**Teresa Broaddus** (former member), and **Sara Fields** (Dave's daughter-in-law) **and their babies**, for safe and healthy pregnancies.

For all with cancer, for Your strength, faith and hope, and endurance in their treatments: **Nancy Nelson, Mary Ann Wright** (former member), **Gabrielle** (co-worker of Scott Killian), **Pam** (friend of the Vondal family), **Kristen** (cousin of Elise Mertz), **Jill** (Nancy Nus' sister-in-law), **Carol** (friend of the Fields family), **Debbie** (Barbara Power's sister), **Kristen** (friend of the Killians), **Beatrice** (Michelle Wing's grandmother).

**Heidi** (Michael Vondal's fiancé) for healing and strength from lupus and other health problems.

**Kristoffer Rush** (Richard and Lena's son) and **Jason** (friend of Elizabeth Libby), for strength, help, hope, and faith.

**Scott** (friend of Scott Killian) for the Word of God to continue to work in his heart and strengthen him and his family in faith and hope.

**Ali Zaerivand** (friend of the Keisers) for faith and hope as he awaits an immigration hearing.

**Sahilis** (Viviana's sister) **and her family** and **Traci** (friend of Elizabeth Libby), for Your protection, peace, and faith.

**Leslie, Dorris, and their children** (from our Spanish Bible Study) for protection and faith, and for Your wisdom and guidance for the future.

**Fatma** (friend of our church), **Suress, Huan, Joylyn, and Sandy** (friends of Elizabeth Libby), and **Tamim and his family** (friends of the Malekzadeh family), for the gift of faith.

For our adopted seminarian, **Christopher Durham**.

For the **Wolf family** (missionaries to Africa), **Rev. Rob Kieselowsky** (mission work in Philadelphia), and **Rev. Charles St-Onge** (mission work in Quebec and mission facilitator in the Caribbean), for blessing, provision, wisdom, and guidance.

For those serving our country in the military: **Joshua Ecker** and **John Boling** (friend of the Vondals).

For our catechumens: **Christie Keiser, Audra Miksa** [HLC], **Barbara Powers, Joe Teixeira, and Leander Wing**

For our college students: **Maddie Brown, Kitty Fields, Sydnie Henry, Caleb Hoverson, Rachel Keiser, Noah Leraas, Elise Mertz, Sarah Nus, and Matthew Torkelson**.

Members and friends in prayer this week: **Noah Leraas**

For all who have placed their hope and trust in the name of Your beloved Son, but especially for those Christians in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Kenya, Sweden, Finland, the Sudan, and other countries, who endure serious and difficult persecution, even unto death.

For the Lord to bless a future **deaf mission at St. Athanasius** and **our mission church, Hope Lutheran Church, in Purcellville.**

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Remember to pray for our church officers, board members, and teachers:

President: Peter Brondos  
Vice President: Scott Killian  
Recording Secretary: TJ Myers  
Treasurer: Logan Hansen  
Financial Secretary: Dave Fields  
Executive Board, Member-at-Large: Anthony Johnson  
  
Board of Elders: Jay Hertel (Chair), Scott Killian  
Board of Evangelism: Hillary Johnson, Nancy Nus  
Church Technology Council: Michael O'Connor, Jay Hertel, Jonathan Malekzadeh.  
Social Media Coordinator: Rachel Hebert  
Commission on Mercy: Nancy Nelson and Grace Killian  
Deaf Ministry Advisory Group: Janet Rosenberry, Leah Vigil, Michelle Wing  
Sunday School Teachers: Laurie Douthwaite, Hillary Johnson, Elizabeth Libby, and Mickey Vondal.

**About this Sunday: The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
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**The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel**

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “are witnesses of all that he did.” He was anointed by God “with the Holy Spirit and with power,” and “he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,” and so He was with those whom He sent “to preach to the people” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,” so that “everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “the water and the blood” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “joy may be full.” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “go and bear fruit” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).



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## This Week at Saint Athanasius

TODAY	Executive Board, 7:30 pm
Monday-Friday	Morning Prayer on the Web, 7:00 am
Monday, May 10	Youth Catechism, 1:00 pm
Tuesday, May 11	Prayer Service, 12:05 pm
	Adult Catechism, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 12	<b>Divine Service on the Eve of the Ascension of Our Lord, 7:30 pm</b>
Thursday, May 13	Prayer Service, 12:05 pm
Sunday, May 16	The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Next week's hymns: 467, 564, 622, 517 (v. 13), 548, 829

**NO Ezekiel Bible Study or Children's Bible Story Time** this week as we gather for a special Divine Service for the Ascension of Our Lord on Wednesday night. Join us for this important, significant, and joyous day in the life of the church!

**Educating a New Generation of Lutherans** . . . Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Justification, The Means of Grace, The Theology of the Cross, Christology, Vocation, Living in Two Kingdoms and Worship. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**Communion at Home:** If you watch our livestream from home and haven't yet been able to come back to church, remember that Pastor Douthwaite is available to bring the Lord's Supper to you in your home. If you are interested, contact Pastor to make arrangements.

**Life Thought:** "Little though you can see it now, God intends to do wonderful things with you. If He is taking it slowly, that's no surprise; He did it the first time, too. Nothing the devil can do will stop the Lord from finishing His work in you. After all, He has already laid down His life to make you His own." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Opportunity for Service:** Our acolytes are back! Acolytes carry our processional cross and take care of lighting and extinguishing the candles in the Divine Service. This position is open to all men and boys in the congregation who are strong enough to carry the cross in procession. Would you like to lend a hand and help out in this way? Speak to Rob Douthwaite to find out more.

**Coming Soon** (*Mark your calendars!*) . . .  
The Feast of Pentecost, May 23



Create cards to bring some cheer to a cancer patient. Be one of **"Phil's Friends!"** See Nancy Nelson or Grace Killian for more information.