

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 116:12–19

How can we repay God for everything He has done for us? (verses 12-14)

Luther said: “For we can return nothing to God except the vows of praise and confession, for we have all things from Him and He needs nothing of our goods.”

What does verse 16 mean?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 112 (pages 118–119)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Micah 6:6–8

What does the Lord require us to do? (verse 8)

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 18:21–35

How often should we forgive our neighbor? (verses 21-22)

What does the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant teach us? (verses 23–35)

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 226 (pages 194–195)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Philippians 1:3–11

Who did St. Paul thank in verse 3?

What was St. Paul thankful for?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 165 (pages 155–156)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer with Explanation and Trinity XXII?