

Friday, 6/30

Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30.**

Read **John 6:32-35, 41-58.** We can never forget that

Christ himself is the bread of life. He is the true necessity for there is no life without him.

Rejoice that God has promised to give the bread of life to all who seek him.

Rejoice that God has called you to seek him and given to you all you need for life eternal—Jesus Christ himself.

Pray rejoicing for Christ and giving thanks for his death on the cross by which we can receive life. Pray by name for family, friends, neighbors, coworkers that they too may see their need for this bread and seek him that they might receive the bread that leads to life.

Saturday, 7/1

Read tomorrow's sermon passage **Matthew 6:5-15** below

and meditate on what it means to pray "Forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us".

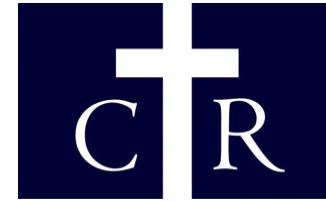
⁵"And now about prayer. When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I assure you, that is all the reward they will ever get. ⁶ But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father secretly. Then your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you. ⁷ "When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered only by repeating their words again and again. ⁸ Don't be like them, because your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! ⁹ Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. ¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us our food for today, ¹² and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. ¹³ And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Prepare today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

Search your heart and confess your sins to God this day. Seek out those sins that you have held on to and give them over to him for forgiveness. Consider: are there others whom you need to forgive? Have you harbored anger, hatred, or derision in heart towards another? Seek them out and offer them the

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Family and Individual Devotions



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Give us this day our daily bread. This is why most of us pray: to change circumstances, to get something. And yet, we all have prayed for something that we have not received. Explore this week how we are to understand the promises of God to give us all we ask, to give us our daily bread.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

In the fourth petition (which is, *Give us this day our daily bread*) we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life,¹ and enjoy his blessing with them.

— Westminster Shorter Catechism

What does "give us this day our daily bread" mean?

Give us this day our daily bread means, do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and to put trust in you alone.

— Heidelberg Catechism

Taking Gathered Worship Home—Family and Individual Devotions

Sunday, 6/25

Read today's passage: **Matthew 6:5-13**. How have you seen him provide for you?

Write out a list of all the ways God has provided for you recently.

Rejoice that he has given you so much more than just your daily bread.

Give thanks to him for all of those items on your list. Thank him for being your heavenly Father and loving you enough to give you so much more than you could ask or imagine.

Monday, 6/26

Read **Matthew 6:25-34**. Jesus tells us not to worry about the future for God is our Father and will take care of us. Our job isn't to worry but to seek first his kingdom. Remember that our prayer for our needs comes after praying that his name be hallowed or glorified; after praying for his kingdom to come; after praying for his will to be done.

Pray the Lord's Prayer:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,"

Ask God to use you in making His name hallowed (worshipped and glorified) among your family and friends.

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Praise God for beginning His kingdom on earth. Ask Him to extend it today.

"Give us today our daily bread."

Thank God for all His provision for you. Ask Him for the things you need.

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Ask God to make us so aware of how much He has forgiven us that we would be forgiving also.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Praise Christ for delivering us from sin and death and ask Him to continue to rescue us daily.

Tuesday, 6/27

Read **Exodus 16** We see God providing bread daily for the Israelites by giving them manna to eat each morning.

Why does verse seven say that God provided daily bread for the Israelites? Why does God tell you to ask him for daily bread? What means does God use to give you your daily bread?

Pray the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, I pray to you today in Jesus' name. Focus my heart on the priorities of my Savior, whom you have provided out of your great love. Please

do in me and through me whatever will bring most glory to Jesus. As you listen to each petition I make, please help me offer it: claiming Christ's merit more than my own, seeking Christ's purposes more than my own, loving Christ's glory more than my own. These are the petitions I offer: [pray for your needs here]. By the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, transform my requests into instruments of accomplishing your will to have Christ honored everywhere—especially in my heart. Make my greatest desire, highest joy, and deepest fulfillment in Jesus' glory. For Christ's sake and for mine, help me always to pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday, 6/28

Read **Philippians 4:4-7**. Do you seek peace? Are there times when you long desperately for the peace of God to guard your heart and mind? God offers it to those who present their requests with thanksgiving. How often are you focused on what you need or want instead of the one who has given you everything already?

Worship God who has given you everything in Christ using the Doxology. Sing it, meditate on it, pray it throughout the day.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thursday, 6/29

Read **Philippians 4:10-20**. Approaching him with thanksgiving brings to us his peace and shows us the secret to being content in every situation.

Meditate on how content you are in life. Do you face every situation with thanksgiving or do you constantly desire something else? Do you come to him in all situations giving thanks for his provision or do you seek more?

Pray, asking forgiveness for seeking your own desires instead of him. Ask forgiveness for taking for granted what he has given and coming to him as a child ever wanting more. And come to him giving thanks for who he is and what he has given—everything in Christ our Savior.