

Thursday	Church and her pastors, teachers, missionaries
Friday	Preaching of the Gospel of Jesus throughout the world, the persecuted, the sick and dying
Saturday	Faithfulness to the end, return of those who have fallen away or who are withering in the faith.

**HYMN OF THE WEEK "This Joyful Eastertide" 482**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

**OR**

**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.

**Book of Concord – Christian Questions and their Answers**

*Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament [The "Christian Questions with Their Answers," designating Luther as the author, first appeared in an edition of the Small Catechism in 1551, five years after Luther's death].*

15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*

**We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.**

17. *What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?*

**His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2 and Ephesians 5.**

18. *Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?*

**That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.**

19. *What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?*

**First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.**

20. *But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?*

**To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.**

*Note:* These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked."