



GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FAMILY ALTAR – *God's Word at Home*

The Fourth Sunday after Easter: May 18, 2025 through May 24, 2025

Daily Readings for the Week:

Sunday	Psalm 37:1-9	Leviticus 20:1-27	Luke 11:37-54
Monday	Psalm 31:1-5	Leviticus 21:1-24	Luke 12:1-12
Tuesday	Psalm 127	Leviticus 23:1-22	Luke 12:13-34
Wednesday	Psalm 116:12-19	Leviticus 23:23-44	Luke 12:35-53
Thursday	Psalm 52	Leviticus 24:1-23	Luke 12:54-13:17
Friday	Psalm 119:33-40	Leviticus 26:1-20	Luke 13:18-35
Saturday	Psalm 63:1-5, 8-11	Leviticus 26:21-44	Luke 14:1-24

Catechism Reading for the Week:

The Ten Commandments

What is the Sixth Commandment? You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Bible Verse for the Week:

You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you (John 16:22).

Collect for the Week:

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember in Your Prayers:

those who are sick: Connie Gremel, Paul Hodgkinson, Susan Pfund, Carmella D'Addezio, Deanna Reinbold, Carson Warren, Gary Hecht, Mark Rudey, Dennis, Jameson Doud, Renee Hecht, Sue Reed, Leslie Reinbold, Reanna Wilkersan, Mary Alice, Tammy Bills, Sandy D'Addezio

those recovering: Melissa Averill, Amy, Brandon Brinks, Carla, Pastor Haller

those who are shut in: Jean Adams, John & Ruth Ann Kaijala, Marge Montgomery, Don Carpenter, Patricia Starkey

Hymn of the Week:

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice LSB 556

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell;
My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works all came to naught,
No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4 But God had seen my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great,
He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart;
He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.

5 God said to His beloved Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,
Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
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