

The Lord's Prayer

- Big themes in Luther's reading
 - "Now follows the third part, how we are to pray. We are in such a situation that no one can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly . . . besides the devil, along with the world and our flesh, resists them with all his power."¹
 - "Exhort and encourage people to pray as Christ and the apostles did."²
 - A way of fulfilling the second commandment. The key way we know we are doing this: "to call upon God in every need . . . by invocation and praise the name of God is glorified and used to good purpose."³
 - What keeps us from prayer?
 - "God has made and affirmed a *promise*: that what we pray is a certain sure thing."⁴
 - "Here I come, dear Father . . ."⁵
 - "God takes the initiative and puts into our mouths the very words and approach we are to use."⁶
- Father—what is in that great name?
 - "With these words God wants to entice us, so that we come to believe he is truly our Father and we are truly his children."⁷
- In and of itself/coming to us/An emphasis on recognition
 - The holiness of God's name
 - The coming of God's kingdom
 - God's will
 - Daily Bread
- Forgiveness
 - Sin's reality and persisting in hope
- Lead us not into temptation
 - Sin, death, and the devil remain. Temptations are not removed, but we are given the strength to withstand
- The Certainty of Hope
 - A Wholehearted Yes

¹ Martin Luther, "Large Catechism," in *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*. Edited by Robert Kolb and Timothy J. Wengert. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000, p. 440.

² Martin Luther, "Large Catechism," p. 441.

³ Martin Luther, "Large Catechism," p. 441.

⁴ Martin Luther, "Large Catechism," p. 443.

⁵ Martin Luther, "Large Catechism," p. 443.

⁶ Martin Luther, "Large Catechism," p. 443.

⁷ Martin Luther, "Small Catechism," p. 356.