THE CREED — SEPTEMBER 1–15
We confess the three ecumenical Creeds, the Apostles’, Nicene and Athanasian. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, three persons. Luther’s explanation of the Apostles’ Creed in the Small Catechism teaches important truths about God as our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

Rejoice in God’s goodness in Christ as you pray:

1. Thank God that He is our loving heavenly Father.

2. Thank God for His creation.

3. Thank God for daily bread. Pray that all would be fed and clothed this day.

4. Thank God for family. Pray that God would guide all families love each other with the love of God in Christ Jesus.

5. Thank God for shelter. Pray for those who are without homes this day.

6. Thank God for reason. Pray that learning and intellect are always in service of God’s Kingdom.

7. Thank God for Jesus. He is our only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil.

8. Rejoice that Jesus is true man, that He can sympathize with our weaknesses.

9. Rejoice that Jesus is true God, that our Savior is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

10. Repent of all your sins and trust that God forgives your sins through the blood of Jesus.

11. Pray that God would empower you, by His Spirit, to live in righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

12. Thank God that He freely gives faith and salvation through His Spirit. Pray that all would hear the Word and be Baptized according to His will.

13. Thank God for the Holy Spirit. Pray that He would keep all in the true faith.

14. Thank God for the Church. Pray that she would remain faithful to her Savior.

15. Rejoice that God gives and sustains faith in the Holy Trinity. Rejoice that God is love.
**OFFICE OF THE KEYS/CONFESSION — SEPTEMBER 16–30**

Jesus gave the office of the keys to the Church through His Apostles. Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second that we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray:

16. That God would lead all sinners to repentance.

17. Confess your sins before God. Trust that God forgives your sins through Christ Jesus.

18. Thank God for your pastor and all pastors. Pray that God would grant them faith and strength in their Word and Sacrament ministry.

19. Thank God for corporate confession and absolution each Sunday.

20. Thank God for the opportunity for individual confession and absolution with your pastor.

21. Thank God for the vocations He has given to you. Pray that you serve Him and your neighbor faithfully each day.

22. Pray for all unbelievers, that they would repent and trust in Christ.

23. Pray for all who are caught in unrepentant sin, that they would humbly confess their sins and receive holy Absolution.

24. Pray for the Spirit to empower you to amend your sinful life, that all you think, say and do would please God.

25. Thank God for the Church. Pray that the Church remain faithful to the preaching and teaching of God’s Word and the administration of the Sacraments according to God’s will.

26. Pray for those who have stopped attending church. Ask God to provide someone to share Christ with them and bring them back.

27. Pray for Christian parents, that they would model forgiveness and raise their children in the Christian faith.

28. Pray for the strength to forgive people in your life. Ask God to give the faith necessary to forgive as He forgives.

29. Thank God that He always answers our confession with words of forgiveness and life.

30. Pray that Jesus would return quickly, that sin and death will soon be finally defeated, and God’s people will dwell with Him forever.

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