

Let's Pray...

Dear Jesus Christ, the First, the Last, and the Living One, the Alpha and the Omega, our Risen Savior who is the First Fruit of them that sleep: We give thanks to You for all that You have given us, and especially for the many “firsts” with which You bless Your people each day. In the uncertainty of this life, we joyfully live in the certainty of Your grace and look to our Baptism and the Lord’s Supper as our first earthly glimpses of Your heavenly glory. As we face many firsts on this earth, we know that we are never alone, for You are before us, and after us, and have promised always to be with us, even to the end of the age. In Your Name. Amen.

▲ *Lutheran Worship* 490, “Abide with Me,” verse 3b. Suggestion: Read or sing this entire hymn as part of your daily devotions this summer.

Oh Changeless Lord, You are awesome and I praise and magnify Your Name! I confess that I sin daily against You, especially when I focus on the changes and questions in my life and look only to myself for the answers and solutions. Forgive me for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and His redemptive work done for me and all creation on the cross of Calvary. Help me to focus on You, my changeless God, as I cope with circumstances that are beyond my control, but are indeed under Your control. Be with me during both the small and large changes in my life, and guide me to see these changes as opportunities to serve You. Give me a full measure of Your Spirit that I might be a witness to those around me that You are my Savior and the Lord of my life. “...Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.”▲ I boldly pray in Jesus’ Name, Amen.