



HOME PRAYER SERIES

WEEK TWO

Faith Lutheran Church

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

"But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also abound in this grace of giving."

- 2 Corinthians 8:7

Abound – Living and Giving in Grace

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Monday

Dear Lord Jesus, through your Apostle Paul, you told us that you became poor so that through your poverty we are made rich. You gave your very life so that we might be forgiven and inherit your kingdom, heaven. In addition, you have blessed us with a church and school which proclaim your Word in all its truth and purity. Help all of us to remember these wonderful blessings as we consider how we will respond to the *Abound! Living and Giving in Grace* stewardship appeal. Amen.

Tuesday

Dear Lord Jesus, everything in the universe belongs to you. In your grace and kindness, you share these beautiful blessings with us for our benefit. Some of the blessing you share with us are food, clothing, homes, work, and enjoyment. One of your greatest blessings is a growing church and school where your holy Word is faithfully proclaimed. In our sinful nearsightedness we sometimes forget that all of this is yours, and selfishly believe that it belongs to us. Lord Jesus, forgive us for such backward thinking. Instead, may your Holy Spirit fill us with heartfelt appreciation for you and the blessings you share with us. Help us to examine our hearts so that we might respond with cheerful thanksgiving for all of the blessings we receive from your hand. Amen.

Wednesday

Dear Lord, can anything good come from us? Can we, in our sinful natures produce any good deed or thought? We confess that we cannot. But you, Lord, in your unconditional love for us have made us your dearly loved children and given us your kingdom. May the new life that you have given us flow through us and make us eager to serve you and your church. May our thanks for the new life that you have given us move us to “Abound in Living and Giving in Grace.” Amen.

Thursday

Heavenly Father, you have so richly blessed Faith and its members with countless gifts, talents, and abilities. We thank you for your many blessings. As we move forward with our school expansion program, we pray that the hearts of our members are moved to respond with their time, talents, and offerings. The hymn text says it so well, “Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices.” In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Friday

Dear Father in heaven, you are the Giver of all good things. Thank you for your many blessings that you pour out on us each day. Have mercy on your servants, Lord, as we plan for how to best to carry out your command to share your saving message with the growing number of souls you have directed to Faith Lutheran Church and School. Give us wisdom to make important decisions that are pleasing to you. Give us strength to stand up against the forces of evil that attack our faith and our mission. Give us courage to move forward in acts of loving service and joyful giving to accomplish the work you have set before us. We know that you can do far more than we even ask for or imagine. To you alone be glory and praise! Amen.

