

Review:

"Life here is 'lived under the cross, under the assault of Satan and his temptations.' The Christian is constantly subject to attacks, trials, and temptations. Christian prayer always expresses this conflict. But the Christian prays in spite of this opposition. 'In spite of' are the key words. For whenever a good Christian prays, 'Dear Father, Thy will be done,' God replies from on high, 'Yes, dear child, it shall indeed be done in spite of the devil and all the world,' and we might add, in spite of all appearances. Satan cannot stand the Word of God that works faith which then seeks everything in God. The devil wants to be god in Christ's place. 'He wants to make me believe lies rather than thy Word.' The Christian lives in this struggle between faith and unbelief, between God and Satan. As a result, the din of battle dominates as the theme of Luther's exposition of the Lord's Prayer in the Large Catechism almost from the very beginning."¹

4th Petition-Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

¶71-84

The common interpretation of this petition was constrained to spiritual, non-material issues

- Christ is the bread of life.
- The Word of God is food for life.
- The Lord's Supper (daily administered in the monastery)

Luther revolutionized the definition of 'daily bread.'

- Nourishment of everyday life
- Creaturely gifts (1st Article)

5th Petition-And Forgive Us Our Trespases as We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us

The Large Catechism does not describe the 5th Petition as "If, Then" clauses.

- Rather it is a description of 'after the fact' of being Jesus' disciple.
 - You are Jesus'.
 - You are forgiven.
 - Jesus' disciples forgive.

Closing Discussion: Larva Dei

How does God deliver daily bread and the forgiveness of sins to you and to your neighbor?

¹ Arand, *That I May Be His Own*, 165-6.