

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Trinity XV – September 20, 2020

Simple orders can be found on pages 294-298 in LSB or you may use the following order

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 30

Verse of the Month

Psalm 33:6: “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.”

10 Commandments & Apostle’s Creed

Hymn of the Week

This Body in the Grave We Lay (LSB 759)

Reading from Holy Scripture

Members may choose...

- *Readings from children’s The Story Bible (CPH)*
- *One chapter per day from a book of choice*
- *Readings appointed from the Daily Lectionary (LSB, p. 299)*

Looking forward to the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: I Kings 17:17–24

Tuesday: Ephesians 3:13-21

Wednesday: Luke 7:11-17

Thursday: *Jesus Calls forth Life from Death*

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

Catechism for the Week: Third and Fourth Commandments

What is the Third Commandment? Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

What is the Fourth Commandment? Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Lucille Hardie, Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Kathy Foat, Pat Jahn

Lord’s Prayer

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer

The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts which we receive from Thy bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of the Month

I am Jesus’ Little Lamb (LSB 740)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Luther’s Large Catechism p.351-361

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)