

**The Congregation at Prayer**  
***A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following***  
***Trinity XVII – October 4, 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 34:8-22*

***Verse of the Month***

II Timothy 1:7: “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

***10 Commandments & Apostle’s Creed***

***Hymn of the Week***

Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower (LSB 694/TLH 399)

***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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity***

Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-21

Tuesday: I Corinthians 1:1-9

Wednesday: Matthew 22:34-46

Thursday: ***In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God***

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to “fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul” and to “love the sojourner” (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor. 1:9).

***Catechism for the Week: Fifth and Sixth Commandments***

*What is the Seventh Commandment?* You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

*What is the Eighth Commandment?* You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

***Prayers:***

### ***Collect of the Week***

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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, Evelyn: great-granddaughter of Sue Pokora

### ***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***

A Mighty Fortress (LSB 656/TLH 262)

### ***Reading from the Book of Concord***

Portions of Luther's Large Catechism p.370-379

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (*CPH*)

### ***Hymns:***

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