

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following*

*Populus Zion (Advent II) – December 6, 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 85*

## **Verse of the Month**

Isaiah 9:6: “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

## **10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed**

## **Hymn of the Week**

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding (LSB 345/TLH 60)

## **Reading from Holy Scripture**

*Members may choose...*

- *Read the Bible in a year (church website) or children’s The Story Bible (CPH)*
- *Readings appointed from the Daily Lectionary (LSB, p. 299-304)*

## **Looking forward to Gaudete (Advent III)**

Monday: Isaiah 40:1-11

Tuesday: I Corinthians 4:1-5

Wednesday: Matthew 11:2-11

Thursday: ***John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord***

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: “*Prepare the way of the Lord . . .*” (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah’s coming through repentance, for “*all flesh is grass*” (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, “*Are you the one who is to come . . .?*” (Matt. 11:2). Jesus’ works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord’s hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The “*stewards of the mysteries of God*” (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ’s overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God’s people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.

## **Catechism for the Week: Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer**

*What is the Fourth Petition?* Give us this day our daily bread.

*What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

## **Prayers:**

***Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)***

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who caused Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to become man and to come into this world to break Satan’s tyranny; to deliver us poor men from sin and death; and to give us eternal salvation: we beseech you that You would so lead and rule our hearts with Your Holy Spirit that we may look only to Your Word and so, avoiding

every offense to which our reason inclines us, be found in Your flock, even the flock which is not offended at Your Son, Jesus Christ, but by Him has eternal salvation. Amen.

***In Our Prayers This Week:***

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Kathy Foat, Marian Becker, Sue Pokora, Family of Dorothy Hollister

***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***

Savior of the Nations Come (LSB 332/TLH 95)

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

Portions of the Augsburg Confession p. 47-56

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (*CPH*)

***Hymns for Next Week***

354-345-737/343/344-357sts5-6