

The Congregation at Prayer
A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following
Second Sunday after Christmas – January 3, 2021
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 100:1-5

Verse of the Month

Philippians 1:21: “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord (LSB 406)

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 the Baptism of Our Lord

Monday: Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17

Tuesday: I Corinthians 1:26-31

Wednesday: Matthew 3:13-17

Thursday: In the days of Solomon, the Lord dwelt among His people in the temple. The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord in the form of a cloud. (1 Ki 8:6-13) Now He who is the glory of the Lord in the flesh, Jesus, enters the temple to show that He is Himself the everlasting temple and dwelling place of God. (Lk 2:41-52) Our young Lord, true man, subject to His mother Mary and Joseph, reveals Himself also to be true God, whose father is not Joseph but the Almighty Father in heaven. Jesus does this at the time of the Passover. For He came to be the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Even as He was found after three days, so He would later rise from the dead on the third day that the favor of God might rest also upon us. It is by these mercies of God that we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through Christ. (Rom 12:1-5)

Catechism for the Week: Conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer

What is the Conclusion? For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.* Amen.

What does this mean? (or, What is meant by the word "Amen"?) This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

Prayers:

Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, I thank You for Your grace in causing me to come to Holy Baptism and to the knowledge of Your divine Word and will. I beseech You to put Your Holy Spirit into my heart, that I may study Your Word and not neglect or despise it, but mark it well, that true godly fear would grow and increase in me, and that in Your Word I may finally die a blessed death and obtain eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

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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

Of the Father's Love Begotten (LSB 384/TLH 98)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Augsburg Confession p. 102-116

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (*CPH*)

Hymns for Next Week

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