

**The Congregation at Prayer**  
*A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following*  
**Cantate – May 2, 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 66:1-8

***Verse of the Month***

I Corinthians 15:20: "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

***10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed***

***Hymn of the Week***

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (LSB 556/TLH 387)

***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 Cantate (Easter V)***

Monday: Isaiah 12:1-6

Tuesday: James 1:16-21

Wednesday: John 16:5-15

Thursday: Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus-who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven-has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth. (Jn 16:5-15) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights" through Christ. (James 1:16-21) The Holy Spirit helps us by taking of what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid." (Is 12:1-6)

***Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors Part I***

*What does God's Word say about what hearers owe their pastors?* The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (I Corinthians 9:14) Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived:

God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:6-7) The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” (I Timothy 5:17-18)

### ***Prayers:***

#### ***Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)***

Lord God, heavenly Father, who by Your Son promised to us the Holy Spirit, to convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: we beseech You to enlighten our hearts, that we may acknowledge our sin, and by faith in Christ attain eternal righteousness, and in every trial and need hold fast the certain comfort that Christ is the Lord over the devil, death, and all things and will graciously save us from all evil and give us eternal salvation. Amen.

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

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Kathy Foat, Bill Lindbloom, Kathy Hansen, Arnie Oelkers

#### ***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***

Christ Is Arisen (LSB 459/TLH 187)

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

Portions of the Smalcald Articles p. 272-281

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)