

The Congregation at Prayer
A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following
Exaudi – May 16, 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 143

Verse of the Month

Romans 14:8: "For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (LSB 497/TLH 224)

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 Feast of Pentecost

Monday: Genesis 11:1-9

Tuesday: Acts 2:1-21

Wednesday: John 14:23-31

Thursday: Man's self-exaltation causes a confusion of language. In his desire to make a name for himself, he brings the judgment of being divided and scattered. (Gen 11:1-9) However, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, mankind is brought together and united in Christ. Language barriers are broken down as the people hear the wonderful works of God in their own native tongue. (Acts 2:1-21) Through the preaching of the cross, the Holy Spirit draws people from all nations into the one, holy, Christian, apostolic church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. For He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (Jn 14:23-31)

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: Of Citizens Part I

What does God's Word say of citizens? Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:21). It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. (Romans 13:5-7).

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Most High God, we beseech You to put Your Holy Spirit into our hearts by Your precious Word, that He may rule and guide us according to Your will, comfort us in all trials and misfortunes, and, refuting all error, lead us into Your truth, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in charity and all good works, and by

the certain hope of Your grace, which You have purchased with Your death, obtain eternal salvation; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit. 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

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (LSB 498/499/TLH 233)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Preface to the Book of Concord pp. 10-12 & Formula of Concord: Epitome pp. 473-481 From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)

Hymns

498-497-596/TLH 228/768-500