

The Congregation at Prayer
A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following
The Feast of Pentecost – May 23, 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 29

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

We All Believe in One True God (LSB 954/TLH 251 second tune)

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 the Holy Trinity

Monday: Isaiah 6:1-7

Tuesday: Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday: John 3:1-17

Thursday: When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "Woe is me!" For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is 6:1-7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:1-15). This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "Unless one is born (again) of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Rom 11:33-36).

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

What does God's Word say of citizens? I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior (I Timothy 2:1-3). Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good (Titus 3:1). Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right (I Peter 2:13-14).

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O almighty, everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who showed Your grace to us men and made Your mercy bountifully evident, first, O eternal Father, in making us as men; and eternal Son of God, in being made man for us and

making atonement for our sins on the cross; and eternal Spirit, who proceed eternally from the Father and the Son, in giving us faith and sanctifying us by the Holy Gospel: we beseech You, the only, eternal, and almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to sustain us in Your grace until the end and to 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.

Mealttime 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 Formula of Concord: Epitome pp. 481-491

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)

Hymns

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