

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

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

*Eighth Sunday after Trinity – August 7, 2022*

*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 51:1-12**

### **Verse[s] of the Month**

Psalm 139:14 "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

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

### **Hymn of the Week**

What Is the World to Me? (LSB 730/TLH 430)

### **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 Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: II Samuel 22:26-34

Tuesday: I Corinthians 10:6-13

Wednesday: Luke 16:1-13

Thursday: "The master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly" (Luke 16:1-9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when the earthly fails. These are our escape in temptation (1 Cor. 10:6-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam 22:26-34).

### **Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers**

9. *What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?* He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. 10. *Did the Father also die for you?* He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me. 11. *How do you*

*know this?* From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

### **Prayers:**

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

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who have abundantly given to us rich blessings and daily bread: we beseech You to keep us from coveting and to awaken our hearts, that we may gladly give to the poor and share with them, that we may be found as faithful stewards over Your goods and not be left to starve for eternity when we are summoned from the stewardship and come before Your judgment seat. Amen.

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

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerksen, Bill Heck, Gail Andrich, Carol Buchholtz

### **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**

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (LSB 594)

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

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 566-575

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)