

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity – September 12, 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 30

Verse[s] of the Month

I Corinthians 15:19-20: If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 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

O God, My Faithful God (*LSB* 696/*TLH* 395)

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: I Kings 17:17-24

Tuesday: Ephesians 3:13-21

Wednesday: Luke 7:11-17

Thursday: A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever."

Catechism for the Week: Read the Preface to the Small Catechism

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to be made man, that by His death He might pay for our sins and save us from eternal death: we beseech You to preserve us in such hope, that we may not doubt that, even as our dear Lord Christ, by His word, raised up the widow's son, He will also raise us up at the Last Day and give us eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Kathy Foat, Bill Lindbloom, Arnie Oelkers, Debbie Jutrzonka, Dorthea Peper

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

This Body in the Grave We Lay (*LSB* 759/*TLH* 596)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 611-619

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)