

## The Congregation at Prayer

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

*All Saints' Day (observed) – November 6, 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 116:12-19**

### **Verse of the Month**

Revelation 7:17: "For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

### **Hymn of the Week**

O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee (TLH 321)

### **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 Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: Micah 6:6-8

Tuesday: Philippians 1:3-11

Wednesday: Matthew 18:21-35

Thursday: With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our "burnt offerings" or "thousands of rams" (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another "with the affection of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, "filled with the fruit of Christ's righteousness," our "love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment" (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8).

### **Catechism for the Week: The Second Article of the Creed**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

### **Prayers:**

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

Almighty, everlasting God, we acknowledge that we are sinners and the list of our debts is great. But we thank You heartily that You have removed those debts from us and laid them on Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and appointed Him to pay for us. And we beseech You also graciously to sustain us in such faith, and by the Holy Spirit so to lead and direct us here on earth that we may live after Your will and gladly show all love, service, and help to our neighbors. Conversely, let all wrath, impatience, and vengefulness subside, that we may not stir up wrath against ourselves, but ever have a gracious Father toward us; through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

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

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Craig Racer

#### **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**

Father, We Thank Thee (LSB 652)

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

Portions of Luther's Large Catechism pp. 410-420

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)