

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

The Last Sunday of the Church Year – November 20, 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 24

Verse[s] 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

Savior of the Nations Come (LSB 332/TLH 95)

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 Ad Te Levavi (Advent I)

Monday: Jeremiah 23:5-8

Tuesday: Romans 13:8-14

Wednesday: Matthew 21:1-9

Thursday: The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord.

“Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey” (Matt. 21:5).

Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden.

For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on

the cross, where He shows Himself to be “*The LORD is our Righteousness*” (Jer. 23:5-

6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word

and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “*Blessed is He*

who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Matt. 21:9). And as we

receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “*our salvation is nearer*

to us now than when we first believed’ (Rom. 13:11).

Catechism for the Week: Introduction & First Petition to the Lord’s Prayer

What is the Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer? Our Father who art in heaven. *What does*

this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father

and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask

Him as dear children ask their dear father.

What is the First Petition? Hallowed be Thy name. *What does this mean?* God’s name is

certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God’s name kept holy? God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it.

Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Prayers:

Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, it behooves us ever to thank, praise, and glorify You that for us poor men, who for our sins had else remained under the tyranny of death and Satan, You appointed Your Son as King, that He might be a just King and Savior, that is, that by His death He might deliver and save us from our sins. And we pray that You would enlighten, direct, and lead us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may cling only to that true King and Savior, and not, like the world, be offended at His lowly form and despised Word, but by firm trust in Him receive eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Craig Racer, Lisa Salo, Jim Anderson.

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 p. 430-440

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)