

The Congregation at Prayer
A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following
Trinity XXII – November 8, 2020

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 111

Verse of the Month

II Chronicles 7:14: “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

O Day of Rest and Gladness (LSB 906/TLH 9)

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-third Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Proverbs 8:11-22

Tuesday: Philippians 3:17-21

Wednesday: Matthew 22:15-22

Thursday: ***Render to the God the things of God***

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked “*in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice*” (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom “*is better than jewels*” and “*better than gold, even fine gold*” (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our “*end is destruction*” (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered “*to God the things that are God’s*” (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true “*riches and honor are with [Him],*” because “*enduring wealth and righteousness*” (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which “*we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*” He “*will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself*” (Phil. 3:20-21).

Catechism for the Week: The Third Article of the Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Prayers:

Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have until now granted us a gracious season of peace and with fatherly care defended us from war and foreign rule. We beseech You to grant Your continued grace, that we may live in Your fear and according to Your will, and not by sin give rise to war and other similar punishments. So govern and guide our authorities that they may not hinder obedience to You, but nurture it, and that we under their governance enjoy more blessing and prosperity. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Kathy Foat, Pat Jahn

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

Now Thank We All Our God (LSB 895/TLH 36)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Luther's Large Catechism p.420-430

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (*CPH*)

Hymns for next week

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