

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Trinity X – August 8, 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

Psalm 50

Verse[s] of the Month

Luke 1:46-47: “And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.’”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

Of the Father’s Love Begotten (LSB 384/TLH 98)

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 Feast of St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Monday: Isaiah 61:7-11

Tuesday: Galatians 4:4-7

Wednesday: Luke 1:39-55

Thursday: The Lord clothes His people “*with the garments of salvation*” and covers them “*with the robe of righteousness*” (Is. 61:10). So the blessed Virgin Mary “*rejoices in God [her] Savior*” (Luke 1:47). The Lord was gracious to her. She “*believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord*” (Luke 1:45). That is why “*all generations will call [her] blessed*” (Luke 1:42, 48); likewise, “*blessed ... are those who hear the word of God and keep it*” (Luke 11:28). She has the unique honor of being the one from whom the Righteous One “*sprouts*” on earth “*before all the nations*” (Is. 61:11). But she sings as a recipient of His great mercy. “*God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons*” (Gal. 4:4–7). Mary is rightly called “*Mother of God*” because of the nature of the Son she bore, but He alone is called “*Savior,*” “*Redeemer*” and “*Advocate.*” Jesus Christ is the “*one thing ... necessary,*” come to rescue and heal and save us (Luke 10:28–42). He is the seed of the woman at last come to crush the serpent’s head for us (Gen. 3:15).

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 (LSB 518:22)

We sing with joy of Mary, Whose heart with awe was stirred
When, youthful and astonished, She heard the angel’s word.
Yet she her voice upraises To magnify God’s name,
As once for our salvation Your mother she became. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

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

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

The Magnificat (*LSB* 231/*TLH* 43)

Reading from the Book of Concord

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

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)

Hymns for next week

670-231(in place of Alleluia & Verse)-384-332/356/525-518:1,22,3