

The Congregation at Prayer
A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following
St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord – August 15, 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 146

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

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices (LSB 811/TLH 30)

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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Isaiah 29:17-24

Tuesday: II Corinthians 3:4-11

Wednesday: Mark 7:31-37

Thursday: A man was brought to Jesus who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "Ephphatha" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book" (Is 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers

12. *What are the words of institution?* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” 13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?* Yes, I believe it.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Almighty, everlasting God, gracious maker of all things, I thank You that You have given me a sound body and graciously protected my tongue, ears, and other members from the evil foe; and I beseech You to grant me Your grace, that I may use my ears and tongue rightly, with my ears diligently hearing and marking Your Word, with my tongue

praising and extolling Your grace, that no one may be caused to stumble by my tongue, but that everyone may be edified thereby. 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.

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

The Magnificat (LSB 231/TLH 43)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 575-584

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)

Hymns for Next Week

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