

**The Congregation at Prayer**  
*A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following*  
**The Feast of the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist – August 29, 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 119:9-16

***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***

From God Can Nothing Move Me (LSB 713/TLH 393)

***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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity***

Monday: Proverbs 4:10-23

Tuesday: Galatians 5:16-24

Wednesday: Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: The ten lepers cried out from a distance, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Luke 17:11-19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. "Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal 5:16-24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy," eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus' help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus' cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov 4:10-23).

***Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers***

17. *What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?* His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5. 18. *Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?* That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor. 19. *What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?* First, both the command and promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

***Prayers:***

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, who by Your Son, Jesus Christ, through Your Word and Holy Baptism, have graciously saved us believers from the detestable leprosy of sin and still demonstrate Your gracious help each day in all that we need: we beseech You to awaken our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may never forget these benefits, but live

continually in Your fear and hearty confidence in Your mercy, and with a joyful heart give thanks and praise to You forevermore. Amen.

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

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

### ***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. 593-602

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)

### ***Hymns for Next Week***

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