

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Quasimodo Geniti – April 24, 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 23

Verse[s] of the Month

Psalm 51:10-12: “¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.”

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (LSB 709/TLH 431)

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 Misericordias Domini (Easter III)

Monday: Ezekiel 43:11-16

Tuesday: I Peter 2:21-25

Wednesday: John 10:11-16

Thursday: Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd. (Jn 10:11-16) He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them. (Ezek 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your souls in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23) "For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Peter 2:21-25)

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors Part I

What does God's Word say about what hearers owe their pastors? The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (I Corinthians 9:14) Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A

man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:6-7) The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." (I Timothy 5:17-18)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, who have tenderly remembered us miserable men and have set Your Son over us as our keeper, not only to feed us with Your Word but also by His protection to deliver and preserve us from sin, death, and the devil: we beseech You to grant by Your Holy Spirit that, just as this Shepherd knows us and has assumed our troubles as His own, so in all our pressing concerns, we may also cling to Him, seek and expect help and comfort from Him, heartily follow His voice, and so through Him obtain eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Bill Heck, Bill Lindbloom, Gail Andrich

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

Christ Is Arisen (LSB 459/TLH 187)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Smalcald Articles p. 272-281

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)