

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

First Sunday after Trinity – June 19, 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 34:12-22

Verse[s] of the Month

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (LSB 622/ TLH 306)

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 Second Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Proverbs 9:1-10

Tuesday: I John 3:13-18

Wednesday: Luke 14:15-24

Thursday: Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Forsake foolishness and live" (Prov 9:1-10). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15-24). For "you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Eph 2:13-22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13-18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: To Workers of All Kinds

What does God's Word say to workers of all kinds? Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving

the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. (Ephesians 6:5-8)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God heavenly Father, we thank You that You have by Your precious Word invited us to Your banquet of eternal life, and we beseech You to awaken our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear Your Word in vain nor permit this temporal life to keep us from it. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, 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.

Meatime 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

O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold (TLH 260)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 515-523

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)