

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Sixth Sunday after Trinity – July 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 33:1-11

Verse[s] of the Month

Psalm 31:3: "For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for the sake of Thy name, lead me and guide me."

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good (LSB 819/TLH 19)

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 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Genesis 2:7-17

Tuesday: Romans 6:19-23

Wednesday: Mark 8:1-9

Thursday: In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground." In other words, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:19-23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For "the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?* Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
2. *How do you know this?* From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. *Are you sorry for your sins?* Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
4. *What have*

you deserved from God because of your sins? His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation (Romans 6:21, 23).

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, who by Your Son in the wilderness bountifully fed four thousand men, besides women and children, with only seven loaves and a few fish: we beseech You graciously to visit us also with Your blessing and to protect us from covetousness and cares for this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and righteousness and mercifully be made to know Your generous, fatherly goodness in all our needs of body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerksen, Bill Heck, Bill Lindbloom, Gail Andrich, Carol Buchholtz

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

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me (LSB 756/TLH 523)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 550-559
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)