

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – September 19, 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 2

Verse[s] of the Month

I Corinthians 15:19-20: If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

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

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Proverbs 25:6-14

Tuesday: Ephesians 4:1-6

Wednesday: Luke 14:1-11

Thursday: "Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king" (Prov 25:6-14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:1-6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1-11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, "Friend, go up higher," giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

Catechism for the Week: First and Second Commandments

What is the First Commandment? You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

What is the Second Commandment? You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use

satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, we beseech You to so rule and direct us by Your Holy Spirit that we may keep ourselves in Your fear and not grow proud, but with our whole heart hear and receive Your Word and truly keep the Sabbath holy, that we being sanctified by Your Word may, first, put all our trust and hope in Your Son, Jesus Christ as our only righteousness and redemption, and secondly, amend our lives according to Your Word and avoid all offense, until by Your grace in Christ we obtain eternal salvation. 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

This Body in the Grave We Lay (*LSB 759/TLH 596*)

Reading from the Book of Concord

The Creeds p. 16-18, Luther's Small Catechism p. 313-348

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)*