

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Reformation Day – October 31, 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 149

Verse[s] of the Month

I Corinthians 15:51: “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

For All the Saints (LSB 677/TLH 463)

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 Feast of All Saints

Monday: Revelation 7:2-17

Tuesday: I John 3:1-3

Wednesday: Matthew 5:1-12

Thursday: “*A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages,*” cry out “*salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne*” (Rev. 7:9-17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, “*shall see Him as He is*” (I John 3:1-3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall “*serve Him day and night in His temple*” (Rev. 7:9-17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

Catechism for the Week: The First Article of the Creed

What is the First Article of the Creed? I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (“For All Your Saints in Warfare” LSB 517:4)

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, And all the noble throng Who wear the spotless raiment And raise the ceaseless song—For these, passed on before us, We offer praises due And, walking in their footsteps, Would live our lives for You. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Kathy Foat, Bill Lindbloom, Arnie Oelkers, Debbie Jutrzonka, Bob Scott

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

Jerusalem the Golden (LSB 672/TLH 613)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Luther’s Large Catechism p. 399-410

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)