

## The Congregation at Prayer

*A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following*

*Ad Te Levavi (Advent I) – November 28, 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 50:1-15**

### **Verse[s] of the Month**

Isaiah 9:6: “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

### **10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed**

### **Hymn of the Week**

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us (LSB 514/TLH 67)

### **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 Populus Zion (Advent II)**

Monday: Malachi 4:1-6

Tuesday: Romans 15:4-13

Wednesday: Luke 21:25-36

Thursday: The day on which our Lord returns will be a “*great and awesome day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “*set them ablaze*” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “*...straighten up and raise you heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

### **Catechism for the Week: Second & Third Petition of the Lord’s Prayer**

*What is the Second Petition?* Thy Kingdom Come. *What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. *How does God’s kingdom come?* God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

*What is the Third Petition?* Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*What does this mean?* The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*How is God’s will done?* God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

### **Prayers:**

#### **Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)**

Lord God, heavenly Father, who by Your Son have revealed to us that heaven and earth shall pass away, our bodies shall rise again, and we all shall be brought before the judgment seat: we beseech You that by Your Holy Spirit, You would keep us In Your Word and the true faith, graciously defend us from sin, and preserve us in all temptations, that we may not burden our hearts with gluttony and drunkenness and cares of this life, but watch and pray continually, and in the certain confidence of Your grace, await with joy the coming of Your Son and through Him receive eternal salvation Amen.

### **In Our Prayers This Week:**

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerksen, 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**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (LSB 357/TLH 62)

### **Reading from the Book of Concord**

Portions of the Augsburg Confession p. 38-47

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)