

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Jubilate – April 30th, 2023

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 66:1-8

Verse of the Month

Mark 16:6 “And he saith unto them, ‘Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen: He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him.’”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (LSB 556/ TLH 387)

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 Cantate (Easter V)

Monday: Isaiah 12:1-6

Tuesday: James 1:17-21

Wednesday: John 16:5-15

Thursday: Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus-who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven-has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth. (Jn 16:5-15) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights" through Christ. (James 1:16-21) The Holy Spirit helps us by taking of what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid." (Is 12:1-6)

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors Part II

What does God’s Word say about what hearers owe their pastors? We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.

Live in peace with each other. (I Thessalonians 5:12-13) Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, who by Your Son promised to us the Holy Spirit, to convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: we beseech You to enlighten our hearts, that we may acknowledge our sin, and by faith in Christ attain eternal righteousness, and in every trial and need hold fast the certain comfort that Christ is the Lord over the devil, death, and all things and will graciously save us from all evil and give us eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Lisa Salo, Todd Morawetz, Betty Beierle

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.

Mealttime 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

Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands (LSB 458/TLH 195)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Smalcald Articles-Power and Primacy of the Pope p. 281-302
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)