

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Cantate – May 7th, 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 107:1-9

Verse of the Month

Acts 2:42 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above (LSB 766/ TLH 458)

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 Rogate (Easter VI)

Monday: Numbers 21:4-9

Tuesday: James 1:22-27

Wednesday: John 16:23b-30

Thursday: "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." (Jn 16:23-33) To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you sons of God in Him with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all. (I Timothy 2:1-6) Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father. (Num 21:4-9) Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: Of Civil Government

What does God's Word say of Civil Government? Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those

who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. (Romans 13:1-4)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O 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.

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

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (LSB 497/TLH 224)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Power and Primacy of the Pope pp. 302-305 & Preface to the Book of Concord pp. 3-9 From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)