

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Rogate – May 14th, 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 51:1-12

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

If God Had Not Been on Our Side (TLH 267)

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 Exaudi (Easter VII)

Monday: Ezekiel 36:22-28

Tuesday: I Peter 4:7-14

Wednesday: John 15:26-16:4

The Ascension of Our Lord: Thursday: Acts 1:1-11 & Mark 16:14-20

Friday: The Spirit of truth testifies of Jesus, who is the Truth. But the world does not receive the Truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the Truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His church. "The time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service." (Jn 15:26,6:4) Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory. (1 Pet 4:7-14) Through the ministry of the Spirit of truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ. (Ezek 36:22-28) He is now at work in us to have fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, "that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: Of Citizens Part I

What does God’s Word say of citizens? Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s (Matthew 22:21). It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. (Romans 13:5-7).

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O Jesus Christ, Son of the Most High God, who having left Your earthly humility, are seated at the right hand of Your Father as Lord over all things: we beseech You to send us Your Holy Spirit to rule and guide us according to Your will. Keep us from the tyranny of the devil, from false teaching, and from improper worship, and preserve our body and being from every evil. Grant Your blessing and peace, that we may always know Your gracious help, and through Christ honor and praise You as our gracious Father both now and forever. 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 Preface to the Book of Concord pp. 10-12 & Formula of Concord: Epitome pp. 473-481 From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)