

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Exaudi – May 21st, 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 143

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 The Feast of Pentecost

Monday: Genesis 11:1-9

Tuesday: Acts 2:1-21

Wednesday: John 14:23-31

Thursday: Man's self-exaltation causes a confusion of language. In his desire to make a name for himself, he brings the judgment of being divided and scattered. (Gen 11:1-9) However, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, mankind is brought together and united in Christ. Language barriers are broken down as the people hear the wonderful works of God in their own native tongue. (Acts 2:1-21) Through the preaching of the cross, the Holy Spirit draws people from all nations into the one, holy, Christian, apostolic church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. For He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (Jn 14:23-31)

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

What does God’s Word say of citizens? I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior (I Timothy 2:1-3). Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good (Titus 3:1). Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among

men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right (I Peter 2:13-14).

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Most High God, we beseech You to put Your Holy Spirit into our hearts by Your precious Word, that He may rule and guide us according to Your will, comfort us in all trials and misfortunes, and, refuting all error, lead us into Your truth, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in charity and all good works, and by the certain hope of Your grace, which You have purchased with Your death, obtain eternal salvation; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit. 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 Formula of Concord: Epitome pp. 481-491

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)