

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

The Feast of the Holy Trinity – June 4th, 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 33:12-22

Verse of the Month

I Corinthians 6:11 "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (LSB 768)

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 First Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Genesis 15:1-6

Tuesday: I John 4:16-21

Wednesday: Luke 16:19-31

Thursday: When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. He believed in the Lord, and the Lord "accounted it to him for righteousness" (Gen 15:1-6). The name Lazarus means "God is my help." The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:16-21). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19-31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets; that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Through His death and resurrection, we are brought to the comfort of life everlasting.

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: To Wives

What does God's Word say of wives? Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:22) [This is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful.] They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. (1 Peter 3:5-6)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God heavenly Father, we beseech You so to rule and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may not, like the rich man, hear Your precious Word unfruitfully, nor so handle things temporal that we thereby forget the eternal, but readily and freely assist the poor according to our means and not sin with arrogance and excess. When we are oppressed with cross and calamity, let us not despair, but place our hope wholly in Your eternal help and grace, and in patience overcome all things. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerksen, Lisa Salo, Todd Morawetz, Betty Beierle, Ronald Baumgart

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

The World Is Very Evil (TLH 605)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Epitome pp. 499-Solid Declaration pp. 505-509
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)