

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following*

*Second Sunday after Trinity – June 18th, 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 103:1-13**

### **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**

Lord, to You I Make Confession (LSB 608/TLH 326)

### **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 Third Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: Micah 7:18-20

Tuesday: I Peter 5:6-11

Wednesday: Luke 15:1-10

Thursday: "This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:1-10). This statement of judgment against Jesus by the Pharisees is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18-20). "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim 1:12-17). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11-32) who think they are righteous of themselves will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:6-11). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

### **Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: To Workers of All Kinds**

*What does God's Word say to workers of all kinds?* Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving

the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. (Ephesians 6:5-8)

### **Prayers:**

#### **Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)**

Lord God heavenly Father, we all, alas, like sheep have gone astray, having allowed Satan and our sinful flesh to lead us away from the right path. But we beseech You to be gracious and to forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Awaken our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may hold fast Your Word, and in true repentance and genuine faith continue in the fold of Your Christian Church till our end, and obtain eternal salvation. Amen.

#### **In Our Prayers This Week:**

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Lisa Salo, Todd Morawetz, Betty Beierle, Ronald Baumgart, Caryl Perrin

### **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: Solid Declaration pp. 515-523

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)