

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Third Sunday after Trinity – June 25th, 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 138

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

O God, My Faithful God (LSB 696/TLH 395)

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 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Genesis 50:15-21

Tuesday: Romans 8:18-23

Wednesday: Luke 6:36-42

Thursday: "Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful"(Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us, however, wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom 8:8-13).

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: To Employers and Supervisors

What does God’s Word say to employers and supervisors? Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. (Ephesians 6:9)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God heavenly Father, who are merciful, and by Your Son, Jesus Christ, promised to forgive all our sins: we heartily beseech You not to judge us according to our wicked life, unrighteous conduct, and many sins committed out of human weakness, but as our heavenly Father, to whom our weakness is well known, to pardon and forgive these all according to Your divine, fatherly heart and to bestow on us the crown of eternal salvation; and further, to soften our hearts of stone, that we may gladly forgive our neighbors, show them mercy, judge and condemn no one falsely with a premature, unreasonable, and precipitous judgment, as often happens, but with all our hearts gladly pardon and forgive all men, and first being true, honest, and good judges only of our own selves, consciences, hearts, and souls, lead a Christian life in Your fear and die a blessed death. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

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

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. 523-530
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)