

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

The Visitation – July 2nd, 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 16

Verse of the Month

Luke 1:46b-47 “My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

What Is the World to Me (LSB 730/TLH 340)

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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: I Kings 19:11-21

Tuesday: I Peter 3:8-15a

Wednesday: Luke 5:1-11

Thursday: The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor 1:18-25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11-21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in, to the ship of the church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that you fish may abide in the boat of the Church and that you may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you (1 Peter 3:8-15a).

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: To Youth

What does God’s Word say to youth? Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. (I Peter 5:5-6)

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who have given us Your precious Word and blessed us with every physical blessing: we acknowledge that we are unworthy of all these things and have certainly deserved much worse, and we beseech You to forgive us our sins, as You did Peter’s, and bestow success and health to our calling, that we, being supported and defended by You both now and forever, may praise and glorify You for eternity. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

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

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee (LSB 607, TLH 329)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 530-538

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)