

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Trinity XI – August 20th, 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 32

Verse of the Month

Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker (*LSB 820/TLH 34*)

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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Isaiah 29:17-24

Tuesday: II Corinthians 3:4-11

Wednesday: Mark 7:31-37

Thursday: A man was brought to Jesus who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "Ephphatha" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book" (Is 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers

14. *What convinces you to believe this?* The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood. 15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?* We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as

often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. 16. *Why should we remember and proclaim His death?* First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Almighty, everlasting God, gracious maker of all things, I thank You that You have given me a sound body and graciously protected my tongue, ears, and other members from the evil foe; and I beseech You to grant me Your grace, that I may use my ears and tongue rightly, with my ears diligently hearing and marking Your Word, with my tongue praising and extolling Your grace, that no one may be caused to stumble by my tongue, but that everyone may be edified thereby. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

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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

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You (*LSB 668, TLH 444*)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 584-593
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)