

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Trinity XIII – September 3rd, 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 119:9-16

Verse of the Month

Acts 4:11-12 ¹¹“[Jesus] is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ ¹²Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

Now Thank We All Our God (LSB 895/TLH 36)

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Proverbs 4:10-23

Tuesday: Galatians 5:16-24

Wednesday: Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: The ten lepers cried out from a distance, “*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!*” (Luke 17:11-19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. “*Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God*” (Gal. 5:16-24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, “*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy,*” eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, “*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*” And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus’ help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus’ cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10-23).

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers

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20. *But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?* To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should

believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in I John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; I Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and II Timothy 2.

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, who by Your Son, Jesus Christ, through Your Word and Holy Baptism, have graciously saved us believers from the detestable leprosy of sin and still demonstrate Your gracious help each day in all that we need: we beseech You to awaken our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may never forget these benefits, but live continually in Your fear and hearty confidence in Your mercy, and with a joyful heart give thanks and praise to You forevermore. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Lisa Salo, Todd Morawetz, Betty Beierle, Ronald Baumgart, Janet Buchholtz, Breanne Schultz, Carrie Strueder

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

In the Very Midst of Life (LSB 755, TLH 590)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 602-611
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)