The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following
Trinity XIV – September 10th, 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 146

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.' **12** Nor 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
What God Ordains Is Always Good (*LSB* 760/*TLH* 521)

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Monday: I Kings 17:8-16
Tuesday: Galatians 5:25-6:10
Wednesday: Matthew 6:24-34
Thursday: "You cannot serve God and mammon" (Matt 6:24-34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God, that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8-16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal 5:25-6:10).

Catechism for the Week: Read the Preface to the Small Catechism

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for all Your benefits in giving us life and limb and graciously sustaining them until now, and we beseech You not to take Your blessing away from us, but keep us from covetousness, that we may serve You alone, love You, and cling to You, and not sin by idolatry and the harmful worship of mammon, but put all our hope, comfort, and confidence only in Your mercy and grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:
Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Lisa Salo, 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. 611-619
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)