

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following*

*Trinity XV – September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 30**

#### **Verse of the Month**

Acts 4:11-12 <sup>11</sup>“[Jesus] is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>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**

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: I Kings 17:17–24

Tuesday: Ephesians 3:13-21

Wednesday: Luke 7:11-17

Thursday: A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever."

#### **Catechism for the Week: First and Second Commandments**

*What is the First Commandment?* You shall have no other gods.

*What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

*What is the Second Commandment?* You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

#### **Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)**

Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to be made man, that by His death He might pay for our sins and save us from eternal death: we beseech You to preserve us in such hope, that we may not doubt that, even as our dear Lord Christ, by His word, raised up the widow’s son, He will also raise us up at the Last Day and give us eternal salvation. 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**

The Creeds p. 16-18, Luther’s Small Catechism p.313-348

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (*CPH*)