

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

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

*Trinity XVI – September 24<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 2**

#### **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**

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me (*LSB 756/TLH 523*)

#### **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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: Proverbs 25:6-14

Tuesday: Ephesians 4:1-6

Wednesday: Luke 14:1-11

Thursday: "Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king" (Prov 25:6-14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:1-6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1-11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, "Friend, go up higher," giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

#### **Catechism for the Week: Third and Fourth Commandments**

*What is the Third Commandment?* Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

*What is the Fourth Commandment?* Honor your father and your mother.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, we beseech You to so rule and direct us by Your Holy Spirit that we may keep ourselves in Your fear and not grow proud, but with our whole heart hear and receive Your Word and truly keep the Sabbath holy, that we being sanctified by Your Word may, first, put all our trust and hope in Your Son, Jesus Christ as our only righteousness and redemption, and secondly, amend our lives according to Your Word and avoid all offense, until by Your grace in Christ we obtain 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**

Portions of Luther’s Large Catechism p.351-361

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (*CPH*)