

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Trinity XIX – October 15th, 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 27:1-9

Verse of the Month

Romans 3:28 “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

If Your Beloved Son, O God (*LSB 568/TLH 375*)

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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Isaiah 54:17b-55:11

Tuesday: Ephesians 5:15-21

Wednesday: Matthew 22:1-14

Thursday: The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: "See, I have prepared my dinner . . . Come to the wedding" (Matt 22:1-14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: "You who have no money, come, buy and eat . . . Let your soul delight itself in abundance" (Is 54:17b-55:11). Those rejecting the Spirit's work shall experience God's wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ's righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:15-21).

Catechism for the Week: Ninth and Tenth Commandments

What is the Ninth Commandment? You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

What is the Tenth Commandment? You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, I thank You for Your abundant mercy and steadfast love in inviting me through Your dear Word to come to the glad wedding feast, and by Your Son forgiving me all my sins. But because daily tribulations, offenses, and dangers are so numerous, and we for our own part are very weak and inclined to sin, I beseech You by Your Holy Spirit graciously to keep me from all calamity. But should I fail and defile my garment which Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, put on me, graciously restore me, lead me to genuine repentance and true faith in Your mercy, and never let me fall. 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

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage (*LSB 582, TLH 283*)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Luther’s Large Catechism p.370-379

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)