

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Trinity XX – October 22nd, 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 46

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

For All the Saints (LSB 677/TLH 463)

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 Festival of the Reformation

Monday: Revelation 14:6-7

Tuesday: Romans 3:19-28

Wednesday: Matthew 11:12-15

Thursday: “*Wisdom is justified by her deeds*” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “*remain in the house forever*” (John 8:35). For He is “*a friend of tax collectors and sinners*” (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “*to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people*” (Rev. 14:6), “*the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law*” (Rom. 3:21), “*that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus*” (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “*whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith*” (Rom. 3:25), “*you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*” (John 8:31–32).

Catechism for the Week: The Close of the Commandments

The Close of the Commandments: What does God say about all these commandments? He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the

fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” [Ex. 20:5-6] *What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Almighty, everlasting God, who by Your Son have promised us forgiveness of our sins, justification, and eternal life: we beseech You so to govern and quicken our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may by daily prayer, especially in all trials, seek such help from Him, and by steadfast faith in His Word and promise, be sure to find and receive it, and through Him at last obtain eternal salvation. 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.389-399

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)