

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following Trinity XXII – November 5, 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 111

Verse of the Month

Verse: Revelation 21:3-4 “³And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.’ ⁴And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

O Day of Rest and Gladness (LSB 906/TLH 9)

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 Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Proverbs 8:11-22

Tuesday: Philippians 3:17-21

Wednesday: Matthew 22:15-21

Thursday: **Render to the God the things of God**

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked “*in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice*” (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom “*is better than jewels*” and “*better than gold, even fine gold*” (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our “*end is destruction*” (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered “*to God the things that are God’s*” (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true “*riches and honor are with [Him]*,” because “*enduring wealth and righteousness*” (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which “*we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*” He “*will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself*” (Phil. 3:20-21).

Catechism for the Week: The Second Article of the Creed

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Prayers:

Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have until now granted us a gracious season of peace and with fatherly care defended us from war and foreign rule. We beseech You to grant Your continued grace, that we may live in Your fear and according to Your will, and not by sin give rise to war and other similar punishments. So govern and guide our authorities that they may not hinder obedience to You, but nurture it, and that we under their governance enjoy more blessing and prosperity. 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

Praise to the Lord (LSB 790/TLH 39)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Luther’s Large Catechism p.410-420
From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)