

The Congregation at Prayer
A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following
Trinity XXIII – November 12, 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 149

Verse of the Month

Verse: Revelation 21:3-4 “³ And 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. ⁴ And 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

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying (LSB 516/TLH 609)

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-fourth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Isaiah 51:9-16

Tuesday: Colossians 1:9-14

Wednesday: Matthew 9:18-26

Thursday: A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life’s fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus qualified us “*to share in the inheritance of the saints of light*” delivering us from the dark domain (Col. 1:9-14). “*I have put My words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of My hand, ... You are My people*” (Is. 51:9-16). The presence of Christ, in word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating, and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, “*your faith has made you well*” (Matt. 9:18-26). On the last day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory.

Catechism for the Week: The Third Article of the Creed

What is The Third Article of the Creed? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O almighty God, who by Your Son have promised to us the forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death: we beseech You to strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may daily increase in such confidence in Your grace through Christ and hold fast the hope that we will not die but sleep in peace, and by Your Son, Jesus Christ, be raised up again on the Last Day unto eternal life. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Lisa Salo, Betty Beierle, Ronald Baumgart, Breanne Schultz, Carrie Strueder, Gail Andrich

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.420-430
From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)