

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Judica ~ 5th Sunday in Lent – March 17th, 2024

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 118:19-29

Verse of the Month

Romans 6:3-4 “³Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain (LSB 865/TLH 288)

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 Palmarum (Palm Sunday)

Monday: Zechariah 9:9-12

Tuesday: Philippians 2:5-11

Wednesday: Matthew 21:1-9

Thursday: "Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey." (Zech 9:9-12; Mt 21:1-9) Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross. (Phil 2:5-11) His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father." (Matthew 26 and 27) It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" we are given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Catechism for the Week: Luther's Morning Prayer

In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Then kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose you may also say this little 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. Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who in Your fatherly grace did not spare Your only-begotten Son, but gave Him into death, even to the death of the cross: we beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may take heartfelt comfort in this grace, continue to avoid sin, and patiently bear whatever You appoint for our suffering, that through Him we may have eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Ronald Baumgart, Pat Jung, Carl Thompson

Lord's Prayer

Morning Prayer

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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

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (LSB 434 TLH 146)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession p. 215-226
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)