

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Tenth Sunday after Trinity – August 4th, 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 50:7-23

Verse of the Month

Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee (LSB 607/TLH 329)

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Genesis 4:1-15

Tuesday: I Corinthians 15:1-10

Wednesday: Luke 18:9-14

Thursday: *“And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard”* (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain’s offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, *“God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”* was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast”* (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (I Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, *“everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers

9. *What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?* He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. 10. *Did the Father also die for you?* He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me. 11. *How do you know*

this? From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O Lord God, heavenly Father, I beseech You so to rule and govern me by Your Holy Spirit that I may not forget my sins nor grow complacent but live in continual repentance and take comfort only in this, that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You will be gracious to me, forgive all sins, and give me salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Gail Andrich, Cindy McGaughy, Frank Meyer, Mark Siddons

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

O God, My Faithful God (LSB 696/ TLH 395)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 566-575

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)