

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following*

*Twentieth Sunday after Trinity – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 8**

### **Verse of the Month**

Revelation 14:7 “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

### **10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed**

### **Hymn of the Week**

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You (LSB 668/TLH 444)

### **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-first Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: Isaiah 25:6-9

Tuesday: Ephesians 6:10-17

Wednesday: John 4:46b-53

Thursday: "Let there be light.' And there was light" (Gen 1:1-2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father's creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, "Go your way; your son lives" (John 4:46b-53). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman's son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord's Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10-17). "Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

### **Catechism for the Week: Ninth and Tenth Commandments**

*What is the Ninth Commandment?* You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

*What is the Tenth Commandment?* You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

### **Prayers:**

#### **Collect of 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:**

Linda Winkelman, Cindy McGaughy, Frank Meyer,

Mark Siddons, Lori Everett, Elaine Beguhl

#### **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.

##### **Mealttime 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**

Preserve Your Word O Savior (LSB 658/TLH 264)

#### **Reading from the Book of Concord**

Portions of Luther’s Large Catechism p.379-389

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)