

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

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

*Trinity XXIV – November 10<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 14**

#### **Verse of the Month**

Luke 12:15 Jesus said, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

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

#### **Hymn of the Week**

Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee (TLH 407)

#### **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-fifth Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: Job 14:1-6

Tuesday: 1Thess.4:13-18

Wednesday: Matthew 24:15-28

Thursday: Faith Comes By Hearing the Word of Christ.

“The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed” (Luke 17:20). You must use your ears and not your eyes. For God’s kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith but by sight. When Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they decided to make a visible god for themselves, the golden calf (Ex. 32:1). Upon such faithless and false worshipers God’s judgment comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. “For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man” (Matt. 24:27). The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead. In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1), let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus.

#### **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)**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you heartily that by your Word You have brought us out of the pernicious error of the papacy and restored us to the true light of your grace. And we beseech You that You would graciously sustain us in that light, preserve us from all error and heresy, and keep us from following the Jews in ingratitude, despising and persecuting your Word, but let us receive it with our whole heart, amend our lives in accordance thereto, and place all our confidence only in the grace and merit of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

#### **In Our Prayers This Week:**

Linda Winkelman, Frank Meyer, Mark Siddons, 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.

##### **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**

I Know My Faith Is Founded (LSB 587/TLH 381)

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

Portions of Luther’s Large Catechism p.420-430

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)