

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Reminiscere – March 16, 2025

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 136:1-16

Verse of the Month

Matthew 4:10: Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

Lord of Our Life (LSB 659/TLH 258)

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 Oculi (Third Sunday in Lent)

Monday: Exodus 8:16-24

Tuesday: Ephesians 5:1-9

Wednesday: Luke 11:14-28

Thursday: Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the word of the Lord. (Jer 26:1-15) So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak. (Lk 11:14-28) But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard. (Ex 8:16-24) They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord. (Eph 5:1-9) As children of light our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us. In a world where demons roam we confess, "My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net." (Introit)

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)

Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be made man, that He might crush the devil's tyranny and protect us men from our wicked adversary: we thank You for this gracious help, and we beseech You in all tribulations graciously to come to our aid, to keep us from complacency, and by Your Holy Spirit mercifully to sustain us in Your Word and holy fear, that we may abide in peace from the evil foe until our end, and through Your Son obtain eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

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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

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing (LSB 421/TLH 144)

Reading from the Book of Concord

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