

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

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

***Eighth Sunday after Trinity—August 10, 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 51:1-12**

### **Verse of the Month**

Luke 2:50 “His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.”

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

### **Hymn of the Week**

What Is the World to Me? (LSB 730/TLH 430)

### **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 Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: Proverbs 16:1-9

Tuesday: I Corinthians 10:6b-13

Wednesday: Luke 16:1-13

Thursday: "The master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly" (Luke 16:1-9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when the earthly fails. These are our escape in temptation (1 Cor. 10:6b-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam 22:26-34).

### **Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers**

12. *What are the words of institution?* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the

new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” 13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?* Yes, I believe it.

### **Prayers:**

#### ***Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)***

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who have abundantly given to us rich blessings and daily bread: we beseech You to keep us from coveting and to awaken our hearts, that we may gladly give to the poor and share with them, that we may be found as faithful stewards over Your goods and not be left to starve for eternity when we are summoned from the stewardship and come before Your judgment seat. Amen.

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

Mark Siddons, Rebecca Rauterberg, Betty Beierle

### **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**

*Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit (LSB 746/TLH 372)*

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

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 575-584

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)