

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

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

**Trinity XV – September 28, 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 30**

### **Verse of the Month**

Psalm 1:1 “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”

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

### **Hymn of the Week**

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

### **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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: I Kings 17:17–24

Tuesday: Ephesians 3:13-21

Wednesday: Luke 7:11-17

Thursday: A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever."

### **Catechism for the Week: Seventh and Eighth Commandments**

*The Seventh Commandment* You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we may not take our neighbor’s money or property, nor get them with bad products or deals, but help him to improve and protect his property and business.

*The Eighth Commandment* You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, or defame our neighbor, but defend him, [think and] speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

### **Prayers:**

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to be made man, that by His death He might pay for our sins and save us from eternal death: we beseech You to preserve us in such hope, that we may not doubt that, even as our dear Lord Christ, by His word, raised up the widow’s son, He will also raise us up at the Last Day and give us eternal salvation. Amen.

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

Mark Siddons, Rebecca Rauterberg, Betty Beierle, Alice Terry, Arnie Oelkers

### **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 all evil, so 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, so that the wicked 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, 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, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer**

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord; and Thou givest them their meat in due season; Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire 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 Am Jesus’ Little Lamb (LSB 740/ TLH 648)

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

Portions of Luther’s Large Catechism p.370-379

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)