

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

All Saints Day (observed) – November 2, 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 8

Verse of the Month

Psalm 1:3 “And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

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: The Third Article of the Creed

Of Sanctification. 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 up me and all the dead and will give eternal life to me and to all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic”.

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:

Mark Siddons, Rebecca Rauterberg, Betty Beierle, 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

Now Thank we All Our God (LSB 895/TLH 36)

Reading from the Book of Concord

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

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)