

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Trinity XXI – November 9, 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 116:12-19

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

O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold (TLH 260)

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-second Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Micah 6:6-8

Tuesday: Philippians 1:3-11

Wednesday: Matthew 18:23-35

Thursday: ***Walking humbly with our God and forgiving one another***

With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our “burnt offerings” or “thousands of rams” (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of his body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another “with the affection of Christ Jesus” (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, “filled with the fruit of Christ’s righteousness,” our “love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment” (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God” (Micah 6:8).

Catechism for the Week: Introduction & First Petition to the Lord’s Prayer

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household. Introduction. Our Father who art in heaven. *What does this mean?* By these words God would tenderly encourage us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently with all assurance, as dear children ask their dear father.

First Petition Hallowed be Thy name. *What does this mean?* God’s name is indeed holy in itself. But we pray in this petition that it may become holy among us also.

How is this done? When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we as the children of God also lead holy lives in accordance with it. To this end help us, dear Father in heaven. But he that teaches and lives other than by what God’s Word teaches profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, Heavenly Father.

Prayers:

Almighty, everlasting God, we acknowledge that we are sinners and the list of our debts is great. But we thank You heartily that You have removed those debts from us and laid them on Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and appointed Him to pay for us. And we beseech You also graciously to sustain us in such faith, and by the Holy Spirit so to lead and direct us here on earth that we may live after Your will and gladly show all love, service, and help to our neighbors. Conversely, let all wrath, impatience, and vengefulness subside, that we may not stir up wrath against ourselves, but ever have a gracious Father toward us; through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

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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.430-440

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)