

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Populas Zion (Second Sunday in Advent) – December 7, 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 85

Verse of the Month

Psalm 1:4 “The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away”.

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People (LSB 347/TLH 61)

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 Gaudete (Advent III)

Monday: Isaiah 40:1-11

Tuesday: I Corinthians 4:1-5

Wednesday: Matthew 11:2-11

Thursday: The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: “*Prepare the way of the Lord...*” (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah’s coming through repentance, for “*all flesh is grass*” (Isa 40:6). Now He asks from prison, “*Are you the one who is to come...?*” (Matt. 11:2) Jesus’ works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord’s hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The “*stewards of the mysteries of God*” (I Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ’s overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God’s people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. The Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.

Catechism for the Week: Sixth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer

Sixth Petition And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God, indeed, tempts no one. But we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us nor seduce us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Though we are attacked by these things, we pray that still we may finally overcome them and gain the victory.

Prayers:

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who caused Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to become man and to come into this world to break Satan’s tyranny; to deliver us poor men from sin and death; and to give us eternal salvation: we beseech you that You would so lead and rule our hearts with Your Holy Spirit that we may look only to Your Word and so, avoiding every offense to which our reason inclines us, be found in Your flock, even the flock which is not offended at Your Son, Jesus Christ, but by Him has 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.

Mealttime 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

Savior of the Nations, Come (LSB 332/ TLH 95)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Augsburg Confession p. 73-86

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)