

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

The Holy Innocents – December 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 8

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

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night (TLH 103)

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 Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

Monday: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Tuesday: Galatians 4:1-7

Wednesday: Luke 2:33-40

Thursday: A rod has come forth from the stem of Jesse (Is. 11:1-5)—the seed of David whose kingdom shall be established forever (II Sam. 7:1-16). In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son Jesus to redeem us from the judgment of the Law (Gal. 4:1-7). Now He is presented in the temple in fulfillment of the Law and revealed to be “*a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel*” (Luke 2:22-40). Christ has enlightened us in baptism, giving us to be adopted as sons of God and heirs of eternal life. Receiving the Holy Sacrament of His body and blood, we are prepared to depart this world in peace, for our eyes have seen the salvation of God in Him.

Catechism for the Week: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Part I

What is Baptism? Baptism is not simple water only, but it is the water included in God’s command and connected with God’s Word.

Which is that word of God? Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Matthew, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Prayers:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for Your great, unspeakable grace in receiving the needy into Your care and subjecting Your Son to the Law for our sake, that He, by His perfect obedience, might satisfy Your wrath and repair our disobedience. We beseech You so to enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may take comfort in this obedience over against our sins and wicked conscience, and by the help of Your Holy Spirit begin our life as obedient children and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Mark Siddons, Rebecca Rauterberg, Betty Beierle, Arnie Oelkers, Carol Smith

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

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

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Augsburg Confession p. 116-129

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)