

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

First Sunday after the Epiphany – January 11, 2026

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 100:5

Verse of the Month

Psalm 1:5 “Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.”

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord (LSB 406)

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 Baptism of Our Lord

Monday: Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17

Tuesday: I Corinthians 1:26-31

Wednesday: Matthew 3:13-17

Thursday: In the days of Solomon, the Lord dwelt among His people in the temple. The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord in the form of a cloud. (I Ki 8:6-13) Now He who is the glory of the Lord in the flesh, Jesus, enters the temple to show that He is Himself the everlasting temple and dwelling place of God. (Lk 2:41-52) Our young Lord, true man, subject to His mother Mary and Joseph, reveals Himself also to be true God, whose father is not Joseph but the Almighty Father in heaven. Jesus does this at the time of the Passover. For He came to be the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Even as He was found after three days, so He would later rise from the dead on the third day that the favor of God might rest also upon us. It is by these mercies of God that we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through Christ. (Rom 12:1-5)

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

How can water do such great things? It is not the water indeed that does them, but the word of God, which is in and with the water, and faith, which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without the Word of God the water is simple water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit.

As St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three, “He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying.” (Titus 3:5-8a)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, I thank You for Your grace in causing me to come to Holy Baptism and to the knowledge of Your divine Word and will. I beseech You to put Your Holy Spirit into my heart, that I may study Your Word and not neglect or despise it, but mark it well, that true godly fear would grow and increase in me, and that in Your Word I may finally die a blessed death and obtain eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Mark Siddons, 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 command 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 command 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

Of the Father's Love Begotten (LSB 384/TLH 98)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession p. 140-155

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)