

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following*

*Jubilate – April 26, 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 66:1-8**

### **Verse of the Month**

Psalm 2:2-3<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup> Let us break Their bands asunder, and cast away Their cords from us.

### **10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed**

### **Hymn of the Week**

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (*LSB 556/TLH 387*)

### **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 Cantate**

Monday: Isaiah 12:1-6

Tuesday: James 1:17-21

Wednesday: John 16:5-15

Thursday: Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus-who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven-has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth. (Jn 16:5-15) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights" through Christ. (James 1:16-21) The Holy Spirit helps us by taking of what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid." (Is 12:1-6)

### **Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: Concerning Civil Government**

*God's Word concerning Civil Government* Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the

authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. (Rom. 13:1-4)

### **Prayers:**

#### **Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)**

Lord God, heavenly Father, who by Your Son promised to us the Holy Spirit, to convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: we beseech You to enlighten our hearts, that we may acknowledge our sin, and by faith in Christ attain eternal righteousness, and in every trial and need hold fast the certain comfort that Christ is the Lord over the devil, death, and all things and will graciously save us from all evil and give us eternal salvation. Amen.

#### **In Our Prayers This Week:**

Mark Siddons, Betty Beierle

### **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**

Christ Is Arisen (*LSB 459/TLH 187*)

### **Reading from the Book of Concord**

Portions of Power and Primacy of the Pope pp. 302-305 & Preface to the Book of Concord pp. 3-9 From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)