

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Cantate – May 3, 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 107:1-9

Verse of the Month

Psalm 2:4-6 ⁴He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. ⁵Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure. ⁶Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion.

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above (*LSB 766/TLH 458*)

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 Rogate

Monday: Numbers 21:4-9

Tuesday: James 1:22-27

Wednesday: John 16:23b-30

Thursday: "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." (Jn 16:23-33) To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you sons of God in Him with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all. (I Timothy 2:1-6) Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father. (Num 21:4-9) Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: What Subjects Owe to the Rulers Part I

God's Word for what Subjects Owe to the Rulers "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Matt. 22:21) Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities... Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. For

because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. (Rom. 13:1, 5-7)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who by Your Son promised to us that whatever we ask in His name You will give to us: preserve us, we beseech You, in Your Word, and grant your Holy Spirit to rule and guide us according to Your will. Keep us from the tyranny of the devil, from false teaching, and from improper worship, and preserve our body and being from every evil. Grant Your blessing and peace, that we may always know Your gracious help, and through Christ honor and praise You as our gracious Father both now and forevermore. 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

Hail Thee, Festival Day (*LSB 489*)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Preface to the Book of Concord pp. 10-12 & Formula of Concord: Epitome pp. 473-481
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)