

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

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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 143

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

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (*LSB 497/TLH 224*)

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 Feast of Pentecost

Monday: Genesis 11:1-9

Tuesday: Acts 2:1-21

Wednesday: John 14:23-31

Thursday: Man's self-exaltation causes a confusion of language. In his desire to make a name for himself, he brings the judgment of being divided and scattered. (Gen 11:1-9) However, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, mankind is brought together and united in Christ. Language barriers are broken down as the people hear the wonderful works of God in their own native tongue. (Acts 2:1-21) Through the preaching of the cross, the Holy Spirit draws people from all nations into the one, holy, Christian, apostolic church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. For He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (Jn 14:23-31)

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: For Husbands

God's Word for Husbands Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. (I Pet. 3:7) Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. (Col. 3:19)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Most High God, we beseech You to put Your Holy Spirit into our hearts by Your precious Word, that He may rule and guide us according to Your will, comfort us in all trials and misfortunes, and, refuting all error, lead us into Your truth, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in charity and all good works, and by the certain hope of Your grace, which You have purchased with Your death, obtain eternal salvation; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit. 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 Formula of Concord: Epitome pp. 491-499

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)