

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

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

*Fourth Sunday after Trinity – June 28, 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 16**

#### **Verse of the Month**

Psalm 2:7-9 7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee. 8 Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

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

#### **Hymn of the Week**

What Is the World to Me (LSB 730/TLH 340)

#### **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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: I Kings 19:11-21

Tuesday: I Peter 3:8-15a

Wednesday: Luke 5:1-11

Thursday: The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor 1:18-25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11-21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in, to the ship of the church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that you fish may abide in the boat of the Church and that you may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you (1 Peter 3:8-15a).

#### **Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: For Widows**

God's Word for Widows Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives. (I Tim. 5:5-6)

### **Prayers:**

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

O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who have given us Your precious Word and blessed us with every physical blessing: we acknowledge that we are unworthy of all these things and have certainly deserved much worse, and we beseech You to forgive us our sins, as You did Peter's, and bestow success and health to our calling, that we, being supported and defended by You both now and forever, may praise and glorify You for eternity. Amen.

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

Mark Siddons, Betty Beierle, Vonnie McDermott

#### **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**

The World Is Very Evil TLH 605 (Printed)

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

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 538-543

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)