

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Ninth Sunday after Trinity – August 2, 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 92

Verse of the Month

Psalm 3:1-3 ¹ Lord, how they have increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me! ² Many there be that say of my soul, “There is no help for him in God.” ³ But Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me, my glory and the lifter up of mine head.

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

O’er Jerusalem Thou Weepest (*TLH* 419)

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 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Jeremiah 7:1-11

Tuesday: I Corinthians 12:2-11

Wednesday: Luke 19:41-48

Thursday: Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon come upon her. For she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, who had come to bring her peace (Luke 19:41-48). Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn from their deceit and false worship. "But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord" (Jer 7:1-11). They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith (Rom 9:30-10:4). So it was that God was in His temple to cleanse it, a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grant us to know the things that make for our peace—His visitation in the Word and Sacraments—that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor 12:2-11).

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers

12. What are the Words of Institution? Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this is cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in

remembrance of Me.” *13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?* Yes, I believe it.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Almighty, everlasting God, who by Your Holy Spirit have revealed and made known to us Your Word concerning Your Son, Jesus Christ: we beseech You to awaken our hearts, that we may receive it earnestly and not cast it to the wind nor listen carelessly, as did Your people, the unbelieving Jews, that we may daily live and increase in Your fear and in true confidence in Your mercy, and at last obtain salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Mark Siddons, Betty Beierle, Vonnie McDermott, Hella Goering, Arnie Oelkers

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

Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord (*TLH* 265)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration pp. 575-584

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)