

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Tenth Sunday after Trinity – August 9, 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 50:7-23

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

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee (*LSB* 607/*TLH* 329)

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Genesis 4:1-15

Tuesday: I Corinthians 15:1-10

Wednesday: Luke 18:9-14

Thursday: “*And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard*” (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain’s offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, “*God, be merciful to me, a sinner!*” was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). “*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast*” (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (I Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, “*everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*”

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers

14. What convinces you to believe this? The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; Drink of it, all of you, this is My blood. *15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?* We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. *16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?* First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O Lord God, heavenly Father, I beseech You so to rule and govern me by Your Holy Spirit that I may not forget my sins nor grow complacent but live in continual repentance and take comfort only in this, that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You will be gracious to me, forgive all sins, and give me salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Mark Siddons, Betty Beierle, Vonnice 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. 584-593

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)