

## The Congregation at Prayer

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

*Eleventh Sunday after Trinity – August 16, 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 146**

### **Verse of the Month**

Psalm 3:1-3 <sup>1</sup> Lord, how they have increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me! <sup>2</sup> Many there be that say of my soul, “There is no help for him in God.” <sup>3</sup> 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**

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker (*LSB* 820/*TLH* 34)

### **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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Monday: Isaiah 29:17-24

Tuesday: II Corinthians 3:4-11

Wednesday: Mark 7:31-37

Thursday: A man was brought to Jesus who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "Ephphatha" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book" (Is 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

### **Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Their Answers**

*17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?* His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

*18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?* That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor. *19. What should admonish and*

*encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?* First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given

### **Prayers:**

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

Almighty, everlasting God, gracious maker of all things, I thank You that You have given me a sound body and graciously protected my tongue, ears, and other members from the evil foe; and I beseech You to grant me Your grace, that I may use my ears and tongue rightly, with my ears diligently hearing and marking Your Word, with my tongue praising and extolling Your grace, that no one may be caused to stumble by my tongue, but that everyone may be edified thereby. 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. 593-602

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)