

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity – October 11, 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 27:1-9

Verse of the Month

Psalm 3:7-8 ⁷ Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheekbone; Thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. ⁸ Salvation belongeth unto the Lord. Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

If Your Beloved Son, O God (*LSB* 568/*TLH* 375)

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 St. Luke the Evangelist

Monday: Isaiah 35:5–8

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 4:5–18

Wednesday: Luke 10:1–9

Thursday: The Lord bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2). The fields look more like deserts, filled with jackals (Is. 35:6–7), and the Lord sends His laborers out “as lambs in the midst of wolves.” But Christ’s Word of “peace” heals the sick and brings the very “kingdom of God ... near” to those who hear it (Is. 35:5; Luke 10:3–9). St. Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4:14), did “the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5). He diligently prepared both a Gospel, the history of Christ’s work in the flesh before His ascension, and the Acts of the Apostles, the history of His continued work among His Church. Luke and his Scriptures are a gift from this ascended Lord (Eph. 4:8–12), written for Theophilus and for “all who have loved his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:5–8). Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the 72 sent out ahead of Jesus, “two by two” (Luke 10:1). Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul’s missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses, and even to Rome, where he alone was with Paul.

Catechism for the Week: The Conclusion of the Commandments

Conclusion: What Does God Say of All These Commandments?

He says: “For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex 20:5-6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who sin against these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not act contrary to these commandments. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him, and gladly do what He commands.

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, I thank You for Your abundant mercy and steadfast love in inviting me through Your dear Word to come to the glad wedding feast, and by Your Son forgiving me all my sins. But because daily tribulations, offenses, and dangers are so numerous, and we for our own part are very weak and inclined to sin, I beseech You by Your Holy Spirit graciously to keep me from all calamity. But should I fail and defile my garment which Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, put on me, graciously restore me, lead me to genuine repentance and true faith in Your mercy, and never let me fall. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Mark Siddons, Betty Beierle, 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.

Mealttime 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

O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold (*TLH* 260)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of Luther’s Large Catechism p.389-399

From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (*CPH*)