The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following
All Saints Day – November 1, 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 111

Verse of the Month
Psalm 4:1-2 1Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! Thou hast set me at large when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? How long will ye love vanity and seek after lies?

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week
O Day of Rest and Gladness (*LSB* 906/*TLH* 9)

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 Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity
Monday: Proverbs 8:11-22
Tuesday: Philippians 3:17-21
Wednesday: Matthew 22:15-21
Thursday: ***Render to the God the things of God***
When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked *"in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice"* (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom *"is better than jewels"* and *"better than gold, even fine gold*" (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our *"end is destruction"* (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered *"to God the things that are God's"* (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true *"riches and honor are with [Him],"* because *"enduring wealth and righteousness"* (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which *"we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."* He *"will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself"* (Phil. 3:20-21).

Catechism for the Week: The Third Article of the Creed
Of Sanctification. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day He will raise up me and all the dead and will give eternal life to me and to all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic".

Prayers:
Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have until now granted us a gracious season of peace and with fatherly care defended us from war and foreign rule. We beseech You to grant Your continued grace, that we may live in Your fear and according to Your will, and not by sin give rise to war and other similar punishments. So govern and guide our authorities that they may not hinder obedience to You, but nurture it, and that we under their governance enjoy more blessing and prosperity. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:
Mark Siddons, Betty Beierle, Hella Goering, Arnie Oelkers, Russell Korntheuer

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
Evening and Morning (*LSB* 726)

Reading from the Book of Concord
Portions of Luther's Large Catechism p.420-430
From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions *(CPH)*