The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following
Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity – November 8, 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 129

Verse of the Month

Psalm 4:1-2 [1]Hear 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

In the Very Midst of Life (*LSB* 755/*TLH* 590)

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-fourth Sunday after Trinity

Monday: Isaiah 51:9-16
Tuesday: Colossians 1:9-14
Wednesday: Matthew 9:18-26
Thursday: A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life's fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus qualified us *"to share in the inheritance of the saints of light"* delivering us from the dark domain (Col. 1:9-14). *"I have put My words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of My hand,…You are My people"* (Is. 51:9-16). The presence of Christ, in word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating, and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, *"your faith has made you well"* (Matt. 9:18-26). On the last day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory.

Catechism for the Week: Introduction & First Petition to the Lord's Prayer

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household. Introduction
Our Father who art in heaven. *What does this mean?* By these words God would tenderly encourage us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently with all assurance, as dear children ask their dear father.

First Petition Hallowed be Thy name. *What does this mean?* God's name is indeed holy in itself. But we pray in this petition that it may become holy among us also.
How is this done? When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we as the children of God also lead holy lives in accordance with it. To this end help us, dear Father in heaven. But he that teaches and lives other than by what God's Word teaches profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, Heavenly Father.

Prayers:

Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O almighty God, who by Your Son have promised to us the forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death: we beseech You to strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may daily increase in such confidence in Your grace through Christ and hold fast the hope that we will not die but sleep in peace, and by Your Son, Jesus Christ, be raised up again on the Last Day unto eternal life. 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.430-440
From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions *(CPH)*