# The Congregation at Prayer

***A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following***
***Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity – November 15, 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 149*

## *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*
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (*LSB 516*/*TLH* 609)

## *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 Last Sunday of the Church Year*
Monday: Isaiah 65:17-25
Tuesday: I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Wednesday: Matthew 25:1-13
Thursday: *"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night"* (I Thess. 5:1-11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *"For you know neither the day nor the hour"* when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1-13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17-25).

### *Catechism for the Week: Second & Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer*
*Second Petition* Thy kingdom come. *What does this mean?* The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself. But we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.
*How is this done?* When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life here in time and there in eternity.
*Third Petition* Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *What does this mean?* The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer. But we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.
*How is this done?* When God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and will that would not let us hallow the name of God nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh. Instead, He strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith until we die. This is His gracious and good will.

## *Prayers:*
### *Collect for the Week*
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 the Augsburg Confession p. 38-47
From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions *(CPH)*