

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen**

Apostle's Creed

Psalm

Psalm 66:1–7; antiphon: vv. 8–9

¹Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

²sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise!

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

⁴All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;

they sing praises to your name."

⁵Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

⁶He turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

⁷who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

The Catechism

The Apostles' Creed

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

The Second Article [redemption] I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. *What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE READINGS

Sun	July 3	Joshua 8:1-28; Acts 11:1-18
Mon	July 4	Joshua 10:1-25; Acts 11:19-30
Tue	July 5	Joshua 23:1-16; Acts 12:1-25
Wed	July 6	Joshua 24:1-31; Acts 13:1-12
Thu	July 7	Judges 2:6-23; Acts 13:13-41
Fri	July 8	Judges 3:7-31; Acts 13:42-52
Sat	July 9	Judges 4:1-24; Acts 14:1-18

The Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Welcome to Worship! Today's readings are filled with thoughts about a message and messengers. In the Introit, the heavens, the sky, and day and night are messengers of God's glory. Their "words" goes out into all the world, but they are not specific enough to give saving knowledge of Jesus. The Old Testament reading from Isaiah is the heart of this message: there is peace, comfort, rejoicing, and the ability to flourish because God has redeemed us. In the Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two messengers with that message of Good News, and when they return to share what happened with Jesus, He replies, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." Because the message of the cross has such power to change hearts, Paul says in the Epistle: "Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." The Gradual sums up the theme of the day: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation."

Announcements

-**Vacation** season is upon us. If you miss church at LSLC, you are encouraged to **attend a church wherever you find yourself**. If you are unable to do so, **you can still participate in our service** on the web site – ***livingsavior.org*** – click on **Menu** then click **Online Worship** on the top far right and choose the date you

missed. Also, don't forget to **continue** giving **your offerings** for any Sundays you miss so LSLC can continue it's mission.

-The **Congregation at Prayer**, that you are holding in your hand, is not just for announcements. It's designed to be used for your daily devotions. Consider taking it home and getting in the habit of setting aside a daily time with God. The benefits are eternal.

-Save the date: **August 7th** is our congregational **picnic** with special music during worship. More info on the website.

-Have you ever wondered why we do what we do during our worship? There are leaflets in the hymnal racks titled ***The Divine Service, An Explanation***. Feel free to take one home and read it. You may keep it, return it, or pass it on to a friend!

Remember to wear your Name Tags ☺

SAY A PRAYER, SEND A CARD, OR GIVE A CALL

Please Pray For:

Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Karen Larson

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

05 Phyllis & Dean Hanke A, 11 Rick & Joan Huedepohl A,

15 Ron & Beth Martin A