

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 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 121; antiphon: vv. 1–2

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep

your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

The Catechism
Confession and Absolution
AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN
A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

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THE READINGS

Sun	October 16	Deuteronomy 14:1-2,22-23;14:28-15:15; Matthew 13:24-43
Mon	October 17	Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22; Matthew 13:44-58
Tue	October 18	Deuteronomy 17:1-20; Matthew 14:1-21
Wed	October 19	Deuteronomy 18:1-22; Matthew 14:22-36
Thu	October 20	Deuteronomy 19:1-20; Matthew 15:1-20
Fri	October 21	Deuteronomy 20:1-20; Matthew 15:21-39
Sat	October 22	Deuteronomy 21:1-23; Matthew 16:1-12

The Prayer of the Week

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Welcome to Worship! Perseverance. Today the readings point us in the direction of persevering in our relationship with God, and being steadfast in our life of faith. All the credit goes to God for giving us faith, and once we have faith, Scripture calls us to press on and continue in it. Our Old Testament reading presents Jacob physically wrestling with God, as he strives for God's blessing. In the Epistle Paul encourages Timothy to "continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed." In the Gospel a widow receives justice because of her persistence. In the collect we pray "That we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name."

LSLC Things to Know

-Did you know that if you come to church an hour earlier you can join in on Pastor Emmrich's educational, amusing and invariably engaging **Bible Study**? This phenomenal event is held in the fellowship hall at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Coffee and laughs are always available.

-**Sunday, October 30** we will celebrate **The Reformation**. As part of this celebration we will have a **German potluck dinner** following worship. There is a sign up sheet for what you would like to bring. Not German? There is a folder in the fellowship hall with ideas and recipes. Please feel free to **invite friends and family** to this event.

-There are copies of an article entitled ***The Life of Martin Luther: A Brief Biography of the Reformer*** on the table in the narthex. If you are interested in learning about Luther and The Reformation please take a copy and read it. Feel free to keep it, otherwise please return it so others can read it as there are limited copies.

Remember to wear your Name Tags 😊

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

Please Pray For:

Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Lillian Baker

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

9 Fred & Karen Lehmann A, 12 Dorothy Piel B, 29 Jon Mutanen B