

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

## The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 20, 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 46; antiphon: v. 7*

- <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.
- <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.
- <sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**The Catechism**  
**The Sacrament of the Altar**  
**AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN**  
**A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD**

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

**THE READINGS**

Sun	November 20	Daniel 1:1-21; Matthew 28:1-20
Mon	November 21	Daniel 2:1-23; Revelation 18:1-24
Tue	November 22	Daniel 2:24-49; Revelation 19:1-21
Wed	November 23	Daniel 3:1-30; Revelation 20:1-15
Thu	November 24	Daniel 4:1-37; Revelation 21:1-8
Fri	November 25	Daniel 5:1-30; Revelation 21:9-27
Sat	November 26	Daniel 6:1-28; Revelation 6:1-28

## **The Prayer of the Week**

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Welcome to Worship!** Today's readings paint a picture of Jesus' kingship which challenges human understanding of what it means to rule as king. The Introit begins, "Let all the earth fear the Lord," but the readings don't present a God who, from a human perspective, is very fearful. In the Old Testament reading, God says to His people, "Your words have been hard against Me," as if their false accusations against God have hurt Him. In the Gospel, Jesus hangs on the cross under a sign which reads, "This is the King of the Jews"—an unusual posture for a king. Paul's words in the Epistle put things in perspective for us: through Jesus' reign as King on the cross, God was reconciling the world to Himself. In the opening hymn, we ask the King to be present with us in worship. In the Hymn of the Day, like the thief in the Gospel reading, we ask our dying King to let His blood cover our sins. In the sending hymn, we pray that our King would come quickly and bring us to our home in heaven with Him.

## **LSLC Things to Know**

- On Saturday, **December 10, OWLS** (Older **W**iser **L**utheran **S**isters), will be hosting a **Christmas Bake and Gift Sale**. This will be open to the public. If anyone wishes to donate craft items or baked goods (cookies are needed), please speak to Joan

Heudepohl (crafts) or Lyndia Fry (bakery). Crafted ornaments can be hung on the tree in the fellowship hall.

-If you know of a place to hang a **poster** advertising our **Christmas Bake & Gift** sale, Nancy Emmrich has posters. And please invite your neighbors, friends and relatives.

-There is a **sign-up sheet** on the bulletin board if you wish to bring a food item for our **Advent Soup Suppers**.

-Just a **heads up** for anyone wanting to do things at church: Thursday, **December 22** at **2 pm** there will be a **wedding** at LSLC followed by a reception.

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

**Please Pray For:**

*Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Lillian Baker*

### **November Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*14 Kathy Gerard B, 14 Mike Baker B*

### Other Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 30: Advent Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 pm,  
followed by Advent Worship at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: Advent Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 pm,  
followed by Advent Worship at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Advent Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 pm,  
followed by Advent Worship at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>: Advent Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 pm,  
followed by Advent Worship at 7:00 pm.