

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of  
**The Second Sunday in Advent**  
December 4, 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 72:1–7; antiphon: v. 18*

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!  
<sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice!  
<sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!  
<sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!  
<sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!  
<sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth!  
<sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish,  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**The Catechism**  
**Daily Prayers**  
**HOW THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH HIS**  
**HOUSEHOLD TO PRAY IN THE EVENING**

*In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would 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, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.*

**THE READINGS**

Sun	December 4	Isaiah 10:12-27a,33-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21
Mon	December 5	Isaiah 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22
Tue	December 6	Isaiah 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18
Wed	December 7	Isaiah 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14
Thu	December 8	Isaiah 24:14-25:12; 1 John 2:15-29
Fri	December 9	Isaiah 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24
Sat	December 10	Isaiah 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21

## **The Prayer of the Week**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Welcome to Worship!** Today's watchword is "Prepare." The Old Testament Lesson from Isaiah describes in picture language the kind of Savior for whom we are waiting and preparing. In the Epistle Paul encourages us to live in harmony with one another as a way of preparing for the coming King. The Gospel is the account of John the Baptizer calling people to prepare for Jesus' coming through repentance. In the collect, we ask God to "Stir up our hearts to make ready the way of Your only begotten Son."

### **LSLC Things to Know**

- On Saturday, **December 10, OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Sisters)**, will be hosting a **Christmas Bakery 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.

-**OWLS** - be sure to put **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar. We will be packaging our bakery items (bring your items along) and setting up tables. We will meet in the fellowship hall at **10 am** and stay until we are done. Also, if you are not an OWL, but would like to drop off baked goods/crafts please do so between 10am-1pm.

-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 planning to do things at church: Thursday, **December 22** at **2 pm** there will be a **wedding** at LSLC followed by a reception.

-**December 11** we will have a **congregational meeting** following worship. Please plan to attend.

-On **December 18, The Comeback Choir** will again beautify our worship with their voices. There will be a **luncheon** in the fellowship hall **afterward**. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

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

**Please Pray For:**

*Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Lillian Baker*

### **December Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*14 Robert Schweitzer B, 22 Pastor Emmrich B, 25 Al Vollrath B, 26 Mike & Lil Baker A, 30 Pastor & Nancy A*

### Other Upcoming Events

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.