

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

## The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

January 1, 2023

### 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 8; antiphon: v. 9*

- <sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup>Out of the mouth of babes and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- <sup>4</sup>what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?
- <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup>You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,
- <sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup>the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**The Catechism  
Table of Duties**

**CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS  
HOLY ORDERS AND POSITIONS, ADMONISHING THEM  
ABOUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

What does the Bible say about what the hearers owe their pastors?  
The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14  
Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal. 6:6–7  
The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” 1 Tim. 5:17–18  
We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thess. 5:12–13  
Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Heb. 13:17

## THE READINGS

Sun	January 1	Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 1:57-80
Mon	January 2	Isaiah 62:1-12; Luke 2:1-20
Tue	January 3	Isaiah 63:1-14; Luke 2:21-40
Wed	January 4	Isaiah 63:15-65:7; Luke 2:41-52
Thu	January 5	Isaiah 65:8-25; Luke 3:1-20
Fri	January 6	Isaiah 66:1-20; Luke 3:21-38
Sat	January 7	Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28; Romans 1:1-17

### The Prayer of the Week

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Welcome to Worship!** When our Lord Jesus became human to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to the Law of God in order to fulfill that Law and release all people from its bondage. He is named Jesus in today's Gospel, because that name means "Savior" and it is the name God gives His Son to live up to. At the same time Jesus was named, He first shed His blood on our behalf when He was circumcised. In the Epistle, Paul says that because of Jesus' redeeming us, we are no longer under the Law. As a result, the Old Testament reading reminds us that God has put His name onto our lives as His way of blessing us.

## LSLC Things to Know

-**OWLS** will meet on **Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am** at **River Front Family Restaurant** in Fort.

-Our first **Cabin Fever** activity will be an open house on Sunday, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Pastor and Nancy's house from **12:00-4:00 pm**. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

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

### **Please Pray For:**

*Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Lillian Baker*

### **January Birthdays**

*8 Karl Schweitzer, 21 Gary Fry, 23 Tim Baker, 26 Carolyn Gerth*