

The Congregation at Prayer

To be used for daily devotions
Following Reformation Sunday
October 25th through October 31st

Teaching for the week – *God never promised that our lives would be peaceful and happy in this world. Our world is filled with conflict, disease, trouble and death. Yet, in the midst of all this we have the fact of God’s blessing. In fact, the Bible is very clear that those who are in Christ are the blessed of the Lord. (Matthew 5:1-12) It does not matter if you are rejoicing or mourning. If the Lord has found favor with you, you are blessed. The Lord’s favor rests on all those who call on the name of the Lord. That is why we remember that the faithful departed are now gathered around the throne of God because He has called them the elect. They are a part of the “great multitude that no one could number.” (Revelation 7:9) That is why we abide under the mighty hand of God and call Him our Father. (1 John 3)*

Last week we canceled Christ Academy because of a COVID outbreak and needed isolations. We will return this week and pick up where we left off. This week Level 2 will be quizzed on the church year. In order: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost. It is a pattern that all members of the church should know. Order and correct spelling is expected.

The Order of Prayer

Please be sure to pray aloud if you are able. Even if you are alone. If others are present, have them join you. The Scripture verses, portions of the catechism, and hymns are for meditation and eventual memorization over time.

Theme: Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Ten Commandments:

Apostle’s Creed:

Verse: *“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:12, ESV)*

Psalm: 149

The Catechism:

What is The Third Article? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Readings for the Week:

Review last Sunday: Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 (Reformation)

Sunday upcoming: Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 1:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 (All Saints Day)

Prayers: (collect for the week, prayer list, Lord's Prayer and Luther's Prayers)

Collect of the week: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayers for others:

Those suffering due to COVID-19	The United States of America	Jack Ina	Kendra Sharon
For favorable weather	President Donald Trump	Marilou	Joan
Zion Lutheran Church	The State of Nebraska	Phyllis	Chanel
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	Governor Pete Ricketts	Dee	Betsy
Synod President Matthew Harrison	The City of Imperial	Wes	David
District President Richard Snow	Mayor Dwight Coleman	Residents of Manor and Assisted Living	Karen
Our Synod's Seminaries	For our county and city law enforcement officers	Sherry	Richard Arnold
Our Sister Churches	Helen Elizabeth	Donna	Devona
	Darlene	Edna	Glen
	Thomas	Bonnie	Steve
		Nettie	
		Wes	

- **Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer** from the Catechism

Hymn of the week:

677 For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of Glory passes on His way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!