

The Congregation at Prayer

To be used for daily devotions
Following 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 8th through November 14th

Teaching for the week – “Well done, good and faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:21) These words are spoken to two of the stewards of the master who went away. During the end of the church year we see some texts that have strong encouragement and fierce law. The encouragement of the Lord, during these later days, is that we take the riches that He has bestowed on us and use them in faith. Faith is trusting that all things are the Lord’s and that we can accomplish all that He has set out for us to do. The last thing we want to do is get lazy or be fearful. That is where the fierce law comes in. If we do not do as those who are faithful, the Lord will take away what we have. We will be hardened against the Lord much like Pharaoh of the Old Testament.

The students of Christ Academy Level 1 continue to look at the biblical narratives. Be sure to ask them what they have learned each week. The Level 2 students have just taken a test on the first table of the Law. This table emphasizes the relationship between God and man when it comes to the Law. Now we are working on our proper understanding of God as Creator as we refresh ourselves on the First Article of the Apostle’s Creed.

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: Be Faithful Stewards

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

The Ten Commandments:

Apostle’s Creed:

Verse: “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’” (Matthew 25:21, ESV)

Psalm: 90:1-12

The Catechism:

Second Article Definition: (Focus on sanctification due to Justification)

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, **that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness**, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Readings for the Week:

Review last Sunday: Amos 5:18–24; 1 Thess. 4:13–18; Matt. 25:1–13

Sunday upcoming: Zephaniah 1:7-16; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30

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

Collect of the week: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same 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	President Donald Trump	Residents of Manor and Assisted Living	Paul
For favorable weather	The State of Nebraska	Wes	Marilou
Zion Lutheran Church	Governor Pete Ricketts	Phyllis	Chanel
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	The City of Imperial	Jack	Betsy
Synod President Matthew Harrison	Mayor Dwight Coleman	Ina	David
District President Richard Snow	For our county and city law enforcement officers	Sherry	Karen
Our Synod's Seminaries	Families of Dee and Elizabeth	Donna	Richard
Our Sister Churches	Marvin	Edna	Arnold
The United States of America	Lynette	Bonnie	Devona
	Rod	Nettie	Glen
	Helen	Wes	Steve
	Darlene	Kendra	
		Sharon	
		Joan	

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

Hymn of the week:

608 Lord, to You I Make Confession

1 Lord, to You I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and
2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will
3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to
4 Lord, on You I cast my bur - den— Sink it in the
gone a - stray, I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,
seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me,
res - cue me, Died to save me and re - store me,
deep - est sea! Let me know Your gra - cious par - don,
Cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by You to
Yet re - ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my
Rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a -
Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it
see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at Your ter - rors.
sins for - sake me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take me.
lone can van - quish These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.
leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er.

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