

# The Congregation at Prayer

To be used for daily devotions  
In preparation for the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Teaching for the week** – *This week we will look forward to Jesus continued discussion of how He is the Bread of Life. As was discussed this last Sunday we sometimes suffer hunger under the hand of God. He does this so that we will look to Him to provide for our needs.*

*God does provide for the needs of our bodies. We pray about this in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer. We hear of His preserving hand in the First Article of the Apostle's Creed as well. This is not the type of bread that Jesus is talking about. He is talking about the Bread that does not perish. This Bread has come down from heaven and is the life of the world.*

*To feast on Jesus as the Bread of Life happens when we hear His Word spoken to us. It happens when we are baptized into His name. It happens when we are absolved in His name. It happens when we hear the sermon in church that declares the mystery of Christ. And, of course, it happens when we come to His Holy Supper at the altar.*

*Through this feast we are made new people. Our lives will not look like the lives of unbelievers. Nor will we act like them. We will instead grow to be more like Christ. For this they will try to persecute us like Jezebel toward Elijah. We are not concerned with that. What we know is that we have feasted on that Bread that gives us eternal life, Jesus.*

## 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: Jesus is the Bread of Life**

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

**The Ten Commandments:**

**Apostle's Creed:**

**Verse:** "All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!" (Psalm 145:10, ESV)

**Psalm:** 34:1-8

**The Catechism:** (The large one)

<sup>199</sup> You shall not commit adultery.

Therefore, this commandment is directed against all kinds of unchastity, whatever it may be called. <sup>203</sup> Not only is the outward act of adultery forbidden, but also every kind of cause, motive, and means of adultery. Then the heart, the lips, and the whole body may be chaste and offer no opportunity, help, or persuasion toward in chastity. <sup>204</sup> Not only this, but we must also resist temptation, offer protection, and rescue honor wherever there is danger and need. We must give help and counsel, so as to maintain our neighbor's honor. For whenever you abandon this effort when you could resist unchastity, or whenever you overlook it as if it did not concern you, you are as truly guilty of adultery as the one doing the deed. <sup>205</sup> To speak in the briefest way, this much is required of you: everyone must live chastely himself and help his neighbor do the same. So by this commandment God wishes to build a hedge round about [Job 1:10] and protect every spouse so that no one trespasses against him or her.

**Readings for the Week:**

Day	Reading
Monday	The Riot at Ephesus – Acts 19:21-41
Tuesday	Eutychus Falls from a Window at Troas – Acts 20:1-16
Wednesday	Paul Preaches Farewell to the Ephesian Elders – Acts 20:17-38
Thursday	Paul Returns to Jerusalem – Acts 21:1-17
Friday	Look ahead to Sunday’s Readings – 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings 19:1-8; Ephesians 4:17-5:2
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday’s Readings – Mark 6:35-51

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

**Collect of the week:** Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**In our prayers this week:**

For favorable weather	Mayor Dwight Coleman	Wes	Cindy
Zion Lutheran Church	For our county and city	Dustin	Beth
The Lutheran Church	governments	Joanna	Amy
Missouri Synod	Residents of Manor and	Sherry	Tyson
Synodical President	Assisted Living	Wes	Brock
Matthew Harrison	Families of Jerry and Brian	Phyllis	Rev. Don
District President Richard	John	Jack and Ina	Steve
Snow	Lydia	Donna	Darlene
Our Synod’s Seminaries	Jana	Edna	Helen
Our Sister Churches	Cedric	Bonnie	Chanel
The USA	Emery	Joan	Betsy
President Joe Biden	Gene	Nettie	David
The State of Nebraska	Larry	Kendra	Glen
Governor Pete Ricketts	Joan	Elaine	

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer** from the Catechism

**Hymn of the week:** 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

**Looking Forward to 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Hymns: 625, 534, (793, 622, 652), 821

**First Reading:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:1-8 – Elijah was a prophet for the Israel (northern kingdom) during a very difficult time. This reading falls on the heels of his confrontation with the prophets of Baal. At the hand of Elijah they were all slaughtered.

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:17-5:2 – Paul takes a moment to delineate between Gentiles (unbelievers) and believers. They have become callous toward righteousness while we will not be that way. Whatever ways we had before we believed are supposed to far from us. We are literally, imitators of Christ. We walk as Christ walked.

**Gospel:** Mark 6:35-51 – This text reuses as its first verse, the last verse from this last Sunday. Here in this text Jesus takes the reality of Himself as the bread of life even further. He declares that all other foods will still lead to eventual death. But, the food from heaven will eland to everlasting life. That food He says is Himself. He is the bread that came down from heaven.