



# The Congregation at Prayer

## for the Week of Holy Trinity

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

### Chapel Schedule with Daily Lectionary Readings

Sun. June 12	Mon. June 13	Tues. June 14	Wed. June 15	Thurs. June 16	Fri. June 17	Sat. June 18
<b>Holy Trinity</b> <i>Council of Nicaea</i> 9:00 am Div. Serv. 10:15 am Confirmation Reception 10:30 am Sunday School & Bible Study  Prov. 10:1-23 John 14:1-17	Prov. 13:1-25 John 14:18-31	Elisha  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                         Continuing Ed – Rev. Dr. James Bushur                          9 a.m. – 3 p.m.                     </div> Prov. 14:1-27 John 15:1-11	Prov. 15:1-29 John 15:12-27	Prov. 16:1-24 John 16:1-16	Prov. 17:1-28 John 16:17-33	Prov. 20:5-25 John 17:1-26

### The Order for Daily Prayer

How the head of the family should teach his household to pray morning and evening. [Basic texts of Catechism in brackets.]

#### OPENING

[In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Lord, ☩ open my lips.

**And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Make haste, O God, ☩ to deliver me.

**Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

❖ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

**PSALM OF THE WEEK** 29 (Antiphon v. 2)

#### BIBLE VERSE

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. – *John 3:17*

#### CATECHISM – Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."

#### COMMENTARY ON THE BIBLE VERSE

The Gospel is properly the command that directs us to believe that God is reconciled to us for Christ's sake. (c.f. John 3:17) Whenever mercy is spoken of, faith in the promise must be added. This faith produces sure hope, because it relies upon God's Word and command. If hope would rely upon works, then it would be uncertain, because works cannot quiet the conscience, as has been said before. Faith makes a distinction between those who obtain salvation and those who do not obtain it. Faith make the distinction between the worthy and the unworthy, because eternal life has been promised to the justified. Faith justifies. (*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*; 135)

#### CATECHISM INSTRUCTION

Augsburg Confession Article I. God

Our churches teach with common consent that the decree of the Council of Nicaea about the unity of the divine essence and the three persons is true. It is to be believed without any doubt. God is one divine essence who is ternal, without a body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. He is the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible [Nehemiah 9:6]. Yet there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit [Matthew 28:19]. These three persons are of the same essence and power. Our churches use the term *person* as the Fathers have used it. We use it to signify, not a part or quality in another, but that which subsists of itself.

Our churches condemn all heresies [Titus 3:10-11] that arose against this article, such as the Manichaeans, who assumed that there are two "principles," one Good and the other Evil. They also condemn the Valentinians, Arians, Eunomians, Muslims, and all heresies such as these. Our churches also condemn the Samosatenes, old and new, who contend that God is but one person. Through sophistry they impiously argue that the Word and the Holy Spirit are not distinct persons. They say that *Word* signifies a spoken word, and *Spirit* signifies motion created in things.

(*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*; 31)

SCRIPTURE READING (See daily lectionary above.)

### HYMN OF THE WEEK

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest** *LSB 498 st. 1 & 6*

1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And make our hearts Your place of rest;  
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,  
And fill the hearts which You have made.

6 Teach us to Know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in ✠ *Jesus Christ*, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

### LORD'S PRAYER

### COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

#### MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through ✠ *Jesus Christ*, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

#### EVENING 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.

Let us bless the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

### COMMENTARY ON THE HYMN OF THE WEEK

Author of Hymn: Rabanus Maurus (776-856)

Translation: Edward Caswall (1814-78)

This is one of the greatest hymns on the work of the Holy Spirit, referencing key scriptural teachings. Stanza 1 petitions the Holy Spirit (Lk 11:13; Ps 104:30) to come with mercy (Titus 3:5-7) and fill hearts, for it is He who creates and sustains—calls, enlightens, and sanctifies—the faith and life of a Christian (Jn 14:26).

Stanza 2 confesses that He is the Counselor, “the Spirit of truth” (Jn 14:15; 15:26), who visits and delivers (Jn 7:38-39) the spiritual gifts of life (Acts 2:38), fire (Matt. 3:11; Lk 3:16; Acts 2:3), love (Jn 14:15-17), and heavenly anointing (Jn 1:32-33; 1 Jn 2:20).

Stanza 3 focuses on the sevenfold gifts that come from the almighty hand of God (Is. 11:2): wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, the fear of the Lord, and piety. His gifts arrive through throats that proclaim the Father’s promises (Is. 11:2; Lk 24:49; Acts 2:4).

Stanza 4 explores the image of light (Jn 8:12; Matt. 4:16; Ps. 27:1), which is powerful enough to transform hearts that are by nature weak and powerless against evil (Is. 2:5; Rom. 8:5-11; 1 Jn 1:7). In stanza 5, the singer asks for help and protection, which come through the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:13; 2 Tim. 1:14), against evil and its destructive power. Stanza 6 prays for the Spirit to teach what is needed to know about God (Jn 15:26; 1 Cor. 2:10-16; Luke 12:12) and to help us to believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18; 1 Cor. 12:3).

To end with the praise of the Trinity, a doxological stanza was added. The final line once more references the Spirit’s gifts (1 Cor. 12:4-11; Gal. 5:22; Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Ptr 4:10).

(James L. Brauer, *LSB Comp. to Hymns Vol. 1 p.426-7*)

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Sick, Injured:** Rev. David Fretham (Deaconess’ father), Debra Gohr (Kevin DeVries’ sister), Tonya Gebhardt, Marv Farr, Carol Faber, Colleen Camarata (Carol’s daughter), Danielle Mason, Clyde Wilson (Zach Wilson’s father), Bob Boomgarden, Todd Hafner (Jenna Kleiss’s uncle) Ron Peters (Carolyn Macomber’s brother), Kason Judisch (Friend of Lilleskovs), Mike Bridges (Beth Ackles’ brother-in-law), Rev. Justin Kane (Pastor of Grace, Waterloo), Sheila Sperr (Sarah Sperr’s mother)

**Shut-ins:** Orlan Ott, Dorothea Berning, Phylis Fett, Nellie Peterman, Louise Dawson

#### Grieving:

**Birthdays:** Bob Boomgarden (Mon., June 13), Pam Luders (Tues., June 14)

**Anniversaries:** Jason & Janet Fort (32 years on June 14<sup>th</sup>), Ron & Joyce Andresen (36 years on June 14<sup>th</sup>)

**Other:** Confirmation – Reeve Ristau & Jordenn Smith, Safe travel for Dr. Bushur

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I do not know of any more important document of the New Testament Church since the days of the apostles.” - Martin Luther referring to the Athanasian Creed (Triglotta: *Historical Introduction*; p. 14)