

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the First Sunday in Advent*

November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the selection from the catechism and memory verse for the week.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **The Ten Commandments**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

### **The Catechism – 2<sup>nd</sup> Article**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Plate, 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.**

*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.

**Augsburg Confession:** Also they teach that *at the Consummation of the World Christ will appear for judgment*, and will raise up all the dead; He will give to the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but ungodly men and the devils He will condemn to be tormented without end. They condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils. They condemn also others who are now spreading certain Jewish opinions,

that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed.

**Memory Verse** – [Jesus] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25).

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem Matthew 21:1-9		Psalm 99
Monday	Hannah Prays for a Son 1 Samuel 1:1-18	Philippians 2:19-30	Psalm 100
Tuesday	The Prophet Samuel Is Born 1 Samuel 1:19-2:2	Philippians 3:1-16	Psalm 101
Wednesday	Advent Midweek: Created from One Blood Acts 17:16-34	John 2:18-22	Psalm 102
Thursday	The Song of Hannah 1 Samuel 2:1-11	Philippians 3:17-4:3	Psalm 103
Friday	The Lord Calls to the Boy Samuel 1 Samuel 2:12, 18-21; 3:1-20	Philippians 4:4-9	Psalm 104
Saturday	The Day of the Lord Malachi 4:1-6	Romans 15:4-13	Psalm 105

O, Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

**Our Church:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Our Synod:** Matthew (Synod President), Timothy (District President), Aaron (Circuit Visitor). **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those Who Are Hospitalized:** Rhonda Morgan (Karen Yardley’s mother). **Those Recovering from Surgery:** Sam Tepe (Angie Siddell’s brother), Barb Mueller, Jason Brammeier. **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Randy Zimmermann, Rodney Tate, Todd Twenhafel (son-in-law of Roger & Joan Knolhoff, ongoing cancer treatments). **Homebound Members:** Mary Boeker, Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 29<sup>th</sup> Edwin Hermsmeyer, 30<sup>th</sup> Jerry Buening, Lucas Hanke, 2<sup>nd</sup> James Kuper, 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Lange. **Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup> Paul & Angie Langenhorst,

4<sup>th</sup> Roger & Mia Zimmermann, 5<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Kathryn Mines. **For Area Schools:** That faculty and students may delight in teaching and learning, and that they may be kept safe from the pandemic. **For Government Officials:** Donald Trump (President), JB Pritzker (Governor), and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. **For the World:** That God would deliver us from pestilence, sedition, rebellion, and strife.

Look upon them with eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Morning or Evening Prayer (From the Small Catechism)**

**Hymn of the Week:** Savior of the Nations, Come (LSB 332)