

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AT PRAYER – WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2012**

### **\*Invocation**

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

**Amen.**

#### **\*Morning Versicles**

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;  
**in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.**  
My mouth is filled with Your praise,  
**And with Your glory all the day.**  
O Lord, open my lips,  
**And my mouth will declare your praise.**

*or*

#### **\*Evening Versicles**

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**Amen.**  
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**  
to herald Your love in the morning,  
**Your truth at the close of the day.**

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

#### **Memory Verse for the Week**

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. *Matthew 1:23a*

#### **Psalm for the Day**

Sunday: Psalm 39:4-8

Monday: Psalm 98:1-6, 9

Tuesday: Psalm 96:1-5, 11-13

Wednesday: Psalm 34:4-10, 19

Thursday: Psalm 72:1, 4, 10-15, 18-19

Friday: Psalm 9:11-14

Saturday: Psalm 78:1-7

### **\*Catechism for the Month**

#### **The First Article**

*Creation*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

#### **Readings for the Day**

Sunday: OT Isaiah 43:25-44:20, NT Revelation 11:1-19

Monday: OT Isaiah 44:21-45:13, NT Revelation 12:1-17

Tuesday: OT Isaiah 49:1-18, NT Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday: OT Isaiah 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16,  
NT Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday: OT Isaiah 51:17-52:12, NT Matthew 2:1-12

Friday: OT Isaiah 52:13-23, NT Matthew 2:13-23

Saturday: OT Isaiah 55:1-13, NT Luke 1:1-25

#### **Hymn of the Month**

##### **357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;

Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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### \*Collect for the Week

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Daily Themes for Prayers:

**Sunday:** For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

**Monday:** For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

**Tuesday:** For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

**Wednesday:** For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

**Thursday:** For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons and deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

**Friday:** For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

**Saturday:** For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts

We remember in our prayers this week ... (You may wish to include by name your family and extended relatives, neighbors and friends, as well as the Blue Notes for a list of congregants and people for whom we are praying.)

### \*Lord's Prayer

#### Luther's Morning Prayer

or

#### Luther's Evening 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.**

**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.**

### \*Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*Benediction

The grace of our Lord +I+ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**Amen.**

### How to use this tool

- For families, the head of the household speaks the portions in regular type with the rest of the family speaking the responses in **bold**. All join together for the Creed, Memory Verse, Catechism, Hymn, Lord's Prayer, and Morning/Evening Prayer. The Psalm may be prayed by all in unison, by the head of the household, or responsively.
- The family should aim to have the Catechism for the Month memorized by the end of the month (this may need to be adjusted for younger children).
- The family should also try to have at least the first stanza of the Hymn of the Month memorized.
- For a simpler order of Daily Prayer, the family/individual should use the parts preceded by a \*.
- It is recommended that the family/individual follow either the Old or New Testament Readings, switching year to year.