

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AT PRAYER – WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2012

## \*Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### \*Morning Versicles

or

### \*Evening 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.**

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

My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. *Luke 2:30, 32*

### Psalm for the Day

Sunday: Psalm 89:1-4, 14-18

Thursday: Psalm 108:1-6, 12-13

Monday: Psalm 111:1-6, 10

Friday: Psalm 40:6-10

Tuesday: Psalm 113

Saturday: Psalm 37:34-40

Wednesday: Psalm 62:5-8, 11-12

## \*Catechism for the Month

### The Second Article

*Redemption*

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.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all 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 Day

Sunday: OT Isaiah 58:1-59:3, 14-21, NT Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: OT Isaiah 63:1-14, NT Luke 2:21-40

Monday: OT Isaiah 60:1-22, NT Luke 1:39-56

Friday: OT Isaiah 63:15-65:7, NT Luke 2:41-52

Tuesday: OT Isaiah 61:1-11, NT Luke 1:57-80

Saturday: OT Isaiah 65:8-25, NT Luke 3:1-20

Wednesday: OT Isaiah 62:1-12, NT Luke 2:1-20

## Hymn of the Month

### 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!  
from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.  
not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 Our voices gladly blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
 The Lord we love is first and last,  
 The end and the beginning!  
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
 Transport us to that happy place  
 Beyond all tears and sinning!  
 Amen! Amen!  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Crown of gladness!  
 We are yearning  
 For the day of Your returning!

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**\*Collect for the Week**

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 ✠ 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.