The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer
For the 2nd to Last Sunday of the Church Year
Sunday, November 15, 2026 to Sunday, November 22, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions —*"The purpose of this commandment is to require true faith and trust of the heart, which settles upon the only true God and clings to Him alone. It is like saying, "See to it that you let Me alone be your God, and never seek another." In other words, "Whatever you lack of good things, expect it from Me. Look to Me for it. And whenever you suffer misfortune and distress, crawl and cling to Me. I, yes, I, will give you enough and help you out of every need. Only do not let your heart cleave to or rest on any other." The First Commandment, paragraph 4, Luther's Large Catechism*

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

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.

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Matthew 25:29

For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But for the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed: Creation

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.

Read/Chant *Psalm 90*

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun, Nov. 15	**Gospel Lesson, 25th Sunday after Pentecost—Matthew 25:14-30**	Matthew 26:57-75
Mon, Nov. 16	The Destruction of Jericho—Joshua 6:1-27	Matthew 27:1-10
Tues, Nov. 17	The Sin of Achan—Joshua 7:1-26	Matthew 27:11-32
Wed, Nov. 18	The Fall of Ai—Joshua 8:1-29	Matthew 27:33-56
Thu, Nov. 19	The Sun and Moon Stand Still—Joshua 10:1-28	Matthew 27:57-66
Fri, Nov. 20	OT Lesson, Last Sunday of the Church Year—Ezekiel 34:1-24	Matthew 28:1-20
Sat, Nov. 21	Epistle Lesson, Last Sunday of the Church Year—1 Cor. 15:20-28	Revelation 18:1-24
Sun, Nov. 22	Gospel Lesson, Last Sunday of the Church Year—Matthew 25:31-46	Revelation 19:1-21

Collect for the Last Sunday of the Church Year:

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Luther's 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.

Luther's 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.

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up
lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was
loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore
evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at
Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only
Thee only Thee.

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