The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer
For the Last Week of the Church Year
Sunday, November 22, 2026, to Sunday, November 29, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions —*"This point I must unfold more clearly. It may be understood and seen through ordinary, counterexamples. Many a person thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions. He trust in them and boasts about them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Such a person has a go by the name of "Mammon" (i. e., money and possessions; (Matthew 6:24)), on which he sets all his heart. This is the most common idol on earth. He has money and possessions feels secure and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of paradise. On the other hand, he who has no money doubts and is despondent as though he knew of no God. For very few people can be found who are of good cheer and neither mourn nor complain if they lack Mammon. This care and desire for money sticks and clings to our nature, right up to the grave. The First Commandment, paragraph 5-9, 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: Psalm 136

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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 67*

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun, Nov. 22	**Gospel Lesson, Last Sunday of the Church Year—Matthew 25:31-46**	Revelation 19:1-21
Mon, Nov. 23	Joshua's Farewell Address—Joshua 23:1-4, 24:2-14	Revelation 20:1-15
Tues, Nov. 24	The Death of Joshua—Joshua 24:13-31	Revelation 21:1-8
Wed, Nov. 25	The Conquest of Canaan—Judges 1:1-2:6	Revelation 21:9-27
Thu, Nov. 26	OT Lesson, Thanksgiving Day—Numbers 6:22-27	Revelation 22:1-21
Fri, Nov. 27	Israel's Unfaithfulness—Judges 2:7-23	1 Peter 1:12
Sat, Nov. 28	Gospel Lesson, First Sunday in Advent—Mark 11:1-10	1 Peter 1:13-25
Sun, Nov. 29	OT Lesson, First Sunday in Advent—Isaiah 64:1-9	1 Peter 2:1-12

Collect for Thanksgiving:

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; 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.

785 We Praise You, O God

1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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