

Congregation at Prayer
 ✠ *Gaudete ~ The Third Sunday in Advent* ✠

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19*
L O ✠ Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.** *Psalm 51:15*
L Make haste, O ✠ God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.** *Psalm 70:1*
C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia!

Psalm(s)

Hymn

Learn-By-Heart Scripture

Additional Readings from Holy Scripture

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Learn-By-Heart Catechism

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. *Mark 10:47*

C Our Father who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver ✠ us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. **Amen**

Matthew 6:9-13

Prayer of the Week

Morning Prayer

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.**

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** *[Psalm 103:1]*

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

C **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Blessed Is the One Not Offended by Jesus

*A Guide for Daily Family Prayer
 For the Week of December 18th~ December 24th*

Psalm of the Week...

Psalm 85 Tone F

Hymn of the Week... *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

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Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

Matthew 11:4-6

“And Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.’”

Daily Readings...

Monday (12/18): Isaiah 34:1-2, 8 - 35:10; Revelation 6:1-17

Tuesday (12/19): Isaiah 40:1-17; Revelation 7:1-17

Wednesday (12/20): Isaiah 40:18 – 41:10; Revelation 8:1-13

Thursday (12/21): Isaiah 42:1-25; Revelation 9:1-12

Friday (12/22): Isaiah 43:1-24; Revelation 9:13 – 10:11

Saturday (12/23): Isaiah 43:25 – 44:20; Revelation 11:1-19

Sunday (12/24): Isaiah 44:21–45:13,20-25; Revelation 12:1-17

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Lord’s Prayer, LSB 324

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God’s kingdom come?

God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God’s will done?

God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Prayer of the Week...

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~ Midweek Advent III ~

Genesis 2:15-25 Ephesians 5:20-33 Mark 10:2-12

~ Fourth Sunday in Advent ~

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 Philippians 4:4-7 John 1:19-28