

Grace at Prayer for Advent 3

Invocation

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Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

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20 Dec	Psalm 119	Isaiah 40:18—41:10	Revelation 8:1-13
21 Dec	Psalm 102	Isaiah 42:1-25	Revelation 9:1-12
22 Dec	Psalm 115	Isaiah 43:1-24	Revelation 9:13— 10:11
23 Dec	Psalm 39	Isaiah 43:25—44:20	Revelation 11:1-19

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Writing from the Lutheran Confessions

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The Lord's Prayer

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Amen.*

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

Monday: *Pray 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 Lutheran schools [especially Zion Beaver and Trinity Monitor] and their teachers; for good government and for peace.*

Tuesday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors, musicians, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries [especially Neuendorfs, Erbers, Milans, Roberts, and Jamielynn], and for all who serve.*

Wednesday: *Pray 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: *Pray for repentant hearts, that all would confess their sinfulness along with the sins they committed, and the sins committed against them and seek our Lord and His forgiveness in the Word and Sacraments.*

Friday: *Pray 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: *Pray 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.*

In Our Prayers This Week: *Dennis (Fran Galke's nephew), Kathy Patron (Deaconess's mom), Herb Pfundt, Rosemary Bush, Doreen Hetzner, Linda Jean's granddaughter Addy (who is hospitalized), Janet Dietlein (who is recovering from hip-replacement surgery), Louis (Herb Pfundt's brother), Shirley Wegener, Bubba Harrison, Patricia Raab, Sam (Patrick Harrison's dad), Margie (Teresa Yaeger's sister), Brenda Krystosek, Brooke (Mary Jane Swincicki's granddaughter), Jan Klimaszewski, John Beckert, Tom Wegener, Dale Fish, Leon (Larry Roth's brother-in-law), Kris (Herb and Judy Pfundt's daughter), Katie (Lisa Bale's cousin), Jodi (Erv Kuch's niece), two young women known to a member at GLC who are struggling with mental illness, and all those we name in our hearts. -Peace and comfort for Laurie Kozuch and her family as they mourn her dad's death. -Peace and comfort for Mary Williams and her family as they mourn her mother's death. -Jubilation because of Jubilee Jesus who comes to give us so much more.*

Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Benedicamus

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Thanks be to God.

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