

God's Family At Prayer *A Guide for Daily Meditation & Prayer*

Week of Lent 5 April 6-12, 2025

Pastor's Note – As we near Holy Week, the atmosphere in the readings and church service seems to get darker and darker, culminating in the hours of darkness of the death of Jesus on Good Friday. Though you may not hear it, we toll the church bells at noon and three on Good Friday to mark this occasion. With the brightness and joy of Easter, this is the pinnacle of the church year all else hinges around and points to. Fittingly so, as all Scripture is understood through this three days of triumph. We hope everyone attends Holy week beginning next Sunday with Jesus triumphal entry on Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday- Communion @7, Good Friday Tenebrae @ 7, Easter Sunrise and Breakfast @7am & Easter Divine Service @10:30

Order of Daily Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much as you can using this order as a guide. Use it individually or as a family. Set time aside each day. Learn by heart through repetition the Verse and Catechism and hymn.

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

Apostles' Creed – *see back for creed and hymn*

Hymn of the Week: 421 v1,2,5 “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

Verse: Romans 8:18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Psalms and Prayer after Psalms *Weekly Psalm 43 Daily Psalm- Lenten Psalmody 113-118*

O holy Lord, You forgive iniquity and richly bless those who confess their sins to You. Hear the prayers of Your family. Break the sting of sin and fill our hearts with Your joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Catechism- Table of Duties Of Citizens

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. 1 Tim. 2:1–3

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good. Titus 3:1

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 1 Peter 2:13–14

Readings for the Week

Sunday		Luke 20:9-20
Monday		John 11:1-16
Tuesday		John 11:17-37
Wednesday	Passion History	Luke 22:63-71
Thursday		John 11:38-44
Friday		John 11:45-57
Saturday	Sunday's OT	Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Prayers- Close with these themes, Weekly Collect, The Lord's Prayer and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Sun: For our congregation. For the faithful Preaching and hearing of God's Word

Mon: For your calling and daily work and baptismal remembrance, for the government & peace

Tue: for deliverance against temptation, for the depressed and those struggling with sin

Wed: for marriage and family, for Godly schools, church schools and our seminaries.

Thur: for missionaries, for fruitful use of the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood

Fri: for strong families, for the preaching of the Gospel and it spread through our community & everywhere

Sat: for faithfulness to the end, for revival for those who have fallen away

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Week: 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Weekly Collect- Lent 5

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Luther's Moring or 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.

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.