

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Week of the Resurrection of Our Lord
(April 12th – April 18th, 2020)*

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.

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

Ten Commandments

Apostles' Creed

The Catechism – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What is Baptism? (from memory)

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

The Large Catechism – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Observe, first, that these words contain God’s commandment and institution, so that no one may doubt that baptism is of divine origin, not something devised or invented by human beings. As truly as I can say that the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer were not spun out of anyone’s imagination but are revealed and given by God himself, so I can boast that baptism is no human plaything but is instituted by God himself. Moreover, it is solemnly and strictly commanded that we must be baptized or we shall not be saved, so that we are not to regard it as an indifferent matter, like putting on a new red coat. It is of the greatest importance that we regard baptism as excellent, glorious, and exalted. To be baptized in God’s name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God’s own act.

Memory Verse

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

Daily Readings

Sun., April 12: Exodus 14:10–31 Hebrews 7:23—8:13 Psalm 93

Mon., April 13: Exodus 15:1–18 Hebrews 9:1–28 Psalm 97

Tues., April 14:	Exodus 15:19—16:12	Hebrews 10:1–18	Psalm 98
Wed., April 15:	Exodus 16:13–35	Hebrews 10:19–39	Psalm 99
Thur., April 16:	Exodus 17:1–16	Hebrews 11:1–29	Psalm 47
Fri., April 17:	Exodus 18:5–27	Hebrews 12:1–24	Psalm 96
Sat., April 18:	Exodus 19:1–25	Hebrews 13:1–21	Psalm 92

PRAYERS

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

Our church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those in Need of Healing:** Randy Zimmermann, Jonathan Siddell, Joe Meyer (nephew of Sheri Nolte), Ryan Rounkles (Brother-in-Law of Marla Corry), Rodney Tate, Baker Firebaugh (great nephew of Opal Jones). **Homebound Members:** Mary Boeker, Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 13th Winnie Will. 16th Patricia Kleiboeker. **Anniversary:** 13th Billie & Karen Yardley, Greg & Linda Reckling. **Local:** Hospitals – Doctors, nurses, and other staff.

Look upon them with eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer (From the Small Catechism)