

**The Congregation at Prayer**  
*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Week of Quasimodo Geniti*  
*April 19th through April 25th, 2020*

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*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. Learn by heart the selection from the catechism, memory verse, and catechism hymn stanza(s) for the week.*

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

**Ten Commandments**

**Apostles' Creed**

**The Small Catechism – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**The Large Catechism – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

In baptism every Christian has enough to study and practice all his or her life. Christians always have enough to do to believe firmly what baptism promises and brings—victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with his gifts. In short, the blessings of baptism are so boundless that if our timid nature considers them, it may well doubt whether they could all be true. Suppose there were a physician who had so much skill that people would not die, or even though they died would afterward live eternally. Just think how the world would snow and rain money upon such a person! Because of the throng of rich people crowding around, no one else would be able to get near. Now, here in baptism there is brought, free of charge, to every person's door just such a treasure and medicine that swallows up death and keeps all people alive.

**Memory Verse**

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. (Romans 3:28)

**Daily Readings**

Sunday, April 19:	Exodus 20:1–24	Luke 4:1–15	Psalm 136
Monday, April 20:	Exodus 22:20—23:13	Luke 4:16–30	Psalm 124
Tuesday, April 21:	Exodus 23:14–33	Luke 4:31–44	Psalm 66
Wednesday, April 22:	Exodus 24:1–18	Luke 5:1–16	Psalm 8

Thursday, April 23:	Exodus 25:1–22	Luke 5:17–39	Psalm 68
Friday, April 24:	Exodus 31:1–18	Luke 6:1–19	Psalm 50
Saturday, April 25:	Exodus 32:1–14	Luke 6:20–38	Psalm 23

### PRAYERS

Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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:** Ross Withrow (Grandson of Sam and Angie Siddle), 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:** 19<sup>th</sup> Landon Albers, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ronda Zimmermann **Anniversary:** 19<sup>th</sup> Len & Pat Kleiboeker, 23<sup>rd</sup> Vernon & Carolyn Freund **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.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Morning or Evening Prayer**