

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Week of Jubilate
May 3rd through May 9th, 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. 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

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)

The Large Catechism – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptism is a very different thing from all other water, not by virtue of the natural substance but because here something nobler is added, for God himself stakes his honor, his power, and his might on it. Therefore it is not simply a natural water, but a divine, heavenly, holy, and blessed water—praise it in any other terms you can—all by virtue of the Word, which is a heavenly, holy Word that no one can sufficiently extol, for it contains and conveys all that is God's. This, too, is where it derives its nature so that it is called a sacrament, as St. Augustine taught, “Accedat verbum ad elementum et fit sacramentum,” which means that “when the Word is added to the element or the natural substance, it becomes a sacrament,” that is, a holy, divine thing and sign. – Large Catechism

Memory Verse

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Daily Readings

Sunday, May 3:	Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36	Luke 9:1–17	Psalm 34
Monday, May 4:	Leviticus 9:1–24	Luke 9:18–36	Psalm 27
Tuesday, May 5:	Leviticus 10:1–20	Luke 9:37–62	Psalm 93
Wednesday, May 6:	Leviticus 16:1–24	Luke 10:1–22	Psalm 97
Thursday, May 7:	Leviticus 17:1–16	Luke 10:23–42	Psalm 98
Friday, May 8:	Leviticus 18:1–7, 20—19:8	Luke 11:1–13	Psalm 99
Saturday, May 9:	Leviticus 19:9–18, 26–37	Luke 11:14–36	Psalm 47

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. **Our Synod:** Matthew (Synod President), Timothy (District President), Aaron (Circuit Visitor). **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those in Need of Healing:** Kate Schilling, Randy Zimmermann, Jonathan Siddell, Ryan Rounkles (Brother-in-Law of Marla Corry), Rodney Tate, Baker Firebaugh (great nephew of Opal Jones). **Hospice Care:** Wilbert Dorries (Karen Maschhoff's Father) **Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Joe Meyer (nephew of Sheri Nolte) cancer in remission. **Homebound Members:** Mary Boeker, Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 3rd Matt Nolte, Angie Langenhorst, Lauren Schatz, 8th James Evilsizer II. **Anniversary:** 3rd Paul & Lauren Evilsizer, 4th Travis & Jaime Schneider. **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