

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of the Second Sunday in Lent
(Reminiscere)*

February 28th through March 6th, 2021

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 and memory verse for the week.

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

The Ten Commandments

The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism – What benefits does Baptism give? Which are these words and promises of God?

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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.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: **“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”** (Mark 16:16)

Large Catechism: 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. – *Large Catechism*

Memory Verse – Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Canaanite Woman Matthew 15:21-28		Psalm 40
Monday	People Crave Meat Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34	1 Corinthians 11:27-34	Psalm 41
Tuesday	The Feeding of the Five Thousand John 6:1-21	1 Corinthians 5:6-13	Psalm 42
Wednesday	Ahab Murders Naboth 1 Kings 21:1-16	Genesis 9:5-7	Psalm 43
Thursday	Jesus Is the Bread from Heaven John 6:22-44	Hebrews 9:11-22	Psalm 44
Friday	Jesus Is Rejected by His Own John 6:47-69	2 John 1:7-11	Psalm 45
Saturday	The Word Is Preached to Call to Repentance Jeremiah 26:1-15	Ephesians 5:1-9	Psalm 46

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 Undergoing Medical Treatment:** Sharon Hanke. **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Randy Zimmermann, Rodney Tate, Todd Twenhafel (son-in-law of Roger & Joan Knolhoff, ongoing cancer treatments). **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 28th Ryan Albers, Melvin Lange, 29th Hayden Hoffmann, 3rd Vernon Freund, Jackie Yardley, 4th Tim Boeker, Eric Hanke, Randy Zimmermann, 5th George Nolte. **For Area Schools:** That faculty and students may delight in teaching and learning, and that they may be kept safe from the pandemic. **For Government Officials:** Joe Biden (President), JB Pritzker (Governor), and all those who make, administer, and judge our

laws. **For the World:** That God would deliver us from pestilence, sedition, rebellion, and strife.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer (From the Small Catechism)

Hymn of the Week: When in the Hour of Deepest Need (LSB 615)