

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

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

March 14<sup>th</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 does such baptizing with water indicate? Where is this written?  
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It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. *Where is this written?* St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: **“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)**

**Large Catechism:** Let all Christians regard their baptism as the daily garment that they are to wear all the time. Every day they should be found in faith and with its fruits, suppressing the old creature and growing up in the new. If we want to be Christians, we must practice the work that makes us Christians, and let those who fall away return to it. As Christ, the mercy seat, does not withdraw from us or forbid us to return to him even though we sin, so all his treasures and gifts remain. As we have once obtained forgiveness of sins in baptism, so forgiveness remains day by day as long as we live, that is, as long as we carry the old creature around our necks. – *Large Catechism*

**Memory Verse** – I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Feeding of the 5,000 John 6:1-15		Psalm 54
Monday	Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin Mark 14:53-72	Psalm 35:17-28	Psalm 55
Tuesday	Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate Mark 15:1-15	Isaiah 50:4-10	Psalm 56
Wednesday	Herod Antipas Murders John the Baptist Mark 6:14-29	Romans 12:9-21	Psalm 57
Thursday	The King of the Jews Is Mocked Mark 15:16-32	Psalm 69:16-30	Psalm 58
Friday	Jesus' Death and Burial Mark 15:33-47	Psalm 22	Psalm 59
Saturday	The Sacrifice of Isaac Genesis 22:1-14	Hebrews 9:11-15	Psalm 60

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:** 14<sup>th</sup> Bryanna French, 15<sup>th</sup> Kaleb Kleiboeker, Lois Pigg, 17<sup>th</sup> Sara Hanks, 18<sup>th</sup> Kit Milano, Mason Schultz, 20<sup>th</sup> Joan Rueter. **Anniversaries:** 15<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Kathy Brink, 19<sup>th</sup> Darrell & Dawn Brink. **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: Jesus, Priceless Treasure (LSB 743)**