

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4th through April 10th, 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 is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written?

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The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: **The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:22-23)**

Memory Verse – Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Was me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin (Psalm 51:1-2).

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Mark 16:1-8	1 Corinthians 15:51-57	Psalm 75
Monday	The Emmaus' Disciples Luke 24:13-35	1 Peter 1:17-25	Psalm 76
Tuesday	The Breaking of the Bread Luke 24:36-49	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 77
Wednesday	The Resurrection Catch John 21:1-14	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	Psalm 78
Thursday	Jesus Reinstates Peter John 21:15-25	Colossians 3:1-7	Psalm 79
Friday	The Song of Moses Exodus 15:1-18	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Psalm 80
Saturday	The Valley of the Dry Bones Ezekiel 37:1-14	1 John 5:4-10	Psalm 81

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. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 4th Brittany Kleiboeker, 6th Dolores Tyberendt, Angie Langenhorst, 7th Trent Albers, 8th Steve Kleiboeker. **Anniversaries:** 6th Tracy & Jill Schilling. **For Those Who Mourn:** The faculty, staff and students who mourn the death of a fellow classmate. **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: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (LSB 458)