

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18th through April 24th, 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 Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?

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It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Large Catechism: What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Answer: It is the true body and blood of the LORD Christ, in and under the bread and wine, which we Christians are commanded by Christ's word to eat and drink. And just as we said of baptism that it is not mere water, so we say here, too, that the sacrament is bread and wine, but not mere bread and wine such as is served at the table. Rather, it is bread and wine set within God's Word and bound to it. It is the Word, I say, that makes this a sacrament and distinguishes it from ordinary bread and wine, so that it is called and truly is Christ's body and blood. The Word must make the element a sacrament; otherwise, it remains an ordinary element. Now, this is not the word and ordinance of a prince or emperor, but of

the divine Majesty at whose feet all creatures should kneel and confess that it is as he says, and they should accept it with all reverence, fear, and humility. – *Large Catechism*

Memory Verse – Those who gladly received his word were baptized...And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers (Acts 2:41, 42).

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus, the Good Shepherd John 10:11-16		Psalm 89
Monday	Jesus Eats Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias John 21:1-14	1 Peter 1:3-13	Psalm 90
Tuesday	Jesus Restores Peter John 21:15-25	1 Peter 5: 1-11	Psalm 91
Wednesday	The Ark of the Covenant Is Captured 1 Samuel 3:21–4:18 (19-22)	Philippians 4:10-23	Psalm 92
Thursday	The Ark Brings Judgment upon the Philistines 1 Samuel 5:1–6:1	Colossians 1:1-8	Psalm 93
Friday	The Ark of the Covenant Is Returned to Israel 1 Samuel 6:1–7:1	Colossians 1:9-18	Psalm 94
Saturday	To Whom Will You Liken the Lord Isaiah 40:25-31	1 Peter 2:11-20	Psalm 95

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 Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Sharon Hanke; Eddie Hermsmeyer, treatment beginning in May. **Those Undergoing Medical Treatment:** Dennis Kleiboeker. **Those Recovering from Surgery:** Pat Borgelt (Angie Nolte's father). **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:** Landon Albers (4/19), Ronda Zimmermann (4/22), Cathy Zimmermann (4/23). **Anniversaries:** Leonard & Pat Kleiboeker (4/19), Vernon & Carolyn Freund (4/23).

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: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (LSB 710)