

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 2nd through May 8th, 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 – Who receives this sacrament worthily?

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Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Large Catechism: Because Christ offers and promises forgiveness of sins, it can be received in no other way than by faith. This faith he himself demands in the Word when he says, “given FOR YOU” and “shed FOR YOU,” as if he said, “This is why I give it and bid you eat and drink, that you may take it as your own and enjoy it.” All those who let these words be addressed to them and believe that they are true have what the words declare. But those who do not believe have nothing, for they let this gracious blessing be offered to them in vain and refuse to enjoy it. The treasure is opened and placed at everyone’s door, yes, upon the table, but it is also your responsibility to take it and confidently believe that it is just as the words tell you. – *Large Catechism*

Memory Verse – Whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord (1 Cor. 11:27).

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Whatever You Ask the Father in My Name John 16:23-33		Psalm 110
Monday	David Is Anointed King 1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 John 2:15-27	Psalm 111
Tuesday	David Plays the Harp for Saul 1 Samuel 16:14-23	1 John 2:28-3:9	Psalm 112
Wednesday	The Great Commission Matthew 28:16-20	Daniel 7:9-14	Psalm 113
Thursday	The Command to Preach the Gospel Mark 16:9-20	Joshua 1:1-9	Psalm 114
Friday	Jesus Opens the Scriptures to the Disciples Luke 24:44-53	Genesis 22:1-19	Psalm 115
Saturday	The Nations Will Know the Lord Ezekiel 36:22-28	1 Peter 4:7-14	Psalm 116

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 Who Are Expecting:** Sara Kuper. **Those Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Sharon Hanke; Eddie Hermsmeyer. **Those Recovering from Surgery:** Dennis Kleiboeker, 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:** Don Will, Sr. (5/12), Sharon Schneider (5/14), Lois Defend, Melissa Winkeler (5/15). **Anniversaries:** James & Sara Kuper (5/10).

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: Our Father, Who From Heaven Above (LSB 766)