

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of the Fifth Sunday in Lent
(Judica)
(April 3rd – April 9th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

The Lord's Prayer – 4th Petition

This Week's Catechetical Theme: The Lord's Prayer – 4th Petition

In the 4th Petition, "give us this day our daily bread," we pray for everything that has to do for the support and needs of the body. About this petition, in the Large Catechism, Martin Luther writes: "You see, in this way, God wishes to show us how He cares for us in all our need and faithfully provides also for our earthly support. He abundantly grants and preserves these things, even for the wicked and rogues (Matt. 5:45). Yet, He wishes that we pray for these goods in order that we may recognize that we receive them from His hand and may feel His fatherly goodness toward us in them (Psalm 104:28). For when He withdraws His hand, nothing can prosper or be maintained in the end. Indeed, we daily see this and experience it" (LC III 82-83). This week's devotional material takes up the topic of daily bread. God bless your time in His Word!

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

The Ten Commandments & The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – 4th Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Confesses to be "I AM" John 8:42-59		Psalm 68
Monday	Every Living Thing Psalm 145:15-16 & Matthew 5:45	Romans 6	Psalm 69
Tuesday	Provisions through Our Work Psalm 104:14 & 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12	Romans 7	Psalm 70
Wednesday	Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19	Romans 8	Psalm 71
Thursday	Serving the Less Fortunate 1 Timothy 5:8 & Hebrews 13:16	Romans 9	Psalm 72
Friday	"Daily Bread" Proverbs 30:8-9, Matthew 6:34 & John 6:4	Romans 10	Psalm 73
Saturday	Zechariah 9:9-12	Philippians 2:5-11	Psalm 74

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon – Fri:** Use the following questions to initiate discussion about each day's reading: 1) In what way has the Lord provided daily bread? 2) What is the daily bread provided? 3) How does this encourage faith/trust? 4) What fears does this passage alleviate? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:40)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia, Trinity Lutheran Church-Hoffman. **For Those Who are Expecting:** Corinne Bradley, Stefanie Jennings. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Linda Nehrt (Eddie & Verdell Hermsmeyer's niece), Barb Mueller, Pat Borgelt (father of Angie Nolte). **Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Ali Schubel (6th grader at Carlyle), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Elbert Brink, Eddie Hermsmeyer. **Those in Need of Healing:** Carl Hanke, Carolyn Freund, Clare Jones (granddaughter of Mike & Opal Jones). **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Kathy

Bookstaver (friend of Judy Kleiboeker), Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Susan Kleiboeker, (4/3), Brittany Potter (4/4), Dolores Tyberendt, Angie Langenhorst (4/6), Trent Albers (4/7), Steve Kleiboeker (4/8). **Anniversaries:** Tracy & Jill Schilling (4/6). **The people of Ukraine**, and wisdom and guidance for the governments of the world in dealing with the crisis of Russia's invasion.

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism
Hymn of the Week: My Song Is Love Unknown (LSB 430)