## **The Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere) (March  $5^{th}$  – March  $11^{th}$ )

## **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

OT Types of the Lord's Supper: The Passover

### This Week's Catechetical Theme: OT Types of the Lord's Supper: The Passover

This week we begin a new catechetical emphasis: The Sacrament of the Altar. For the next several weeks, we will be examining the most important biblical texts from which a true understanding of the Lord's Supper is derived. To begin our look at the Sacrament of the Altar, we will ground ourselves in certain Old Testament "types" through which the Lord has given us a foreshadowing of His holy Supper. This week, we will focus on the old familiar story — The Passover — and learn from it how the Lord gives redemption through the shedding and eating of blood. 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:** *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

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.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Faith of a Canaanite Woman Matthew 15:21-28		Psalm 75
Monday	Passover Observed Numbers 9:1-14	Exodus 39	Psalm 76
Tuesday	Passover Celebrated 2 Chronicles 30:13-21	Exodus 40	Psalm 77
Wednesday	The Passover Exodus 12:1-14	Leviticus 1	Psalm 78
Thursday	By Faith Moses Kept the Passover Hebrews 11:23-28	Leviticus 2	Psalm 79
Friday	Christ, our Passover 1 Corinthians 5:7	Leviticus 3	Psalm 80
Saturday	Jeremiah 26:1-15	Ephesians 5:1-9	Psalm 81

#### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What were the children of Israel directed to observe (v. 2)? See verse 10; what sort of people would especially benefit from observing the Passover? See verse 13; what was the benefit of the Passover? How were strangers supposed to be treated (v. 14)? According to what direction would strangers participate? **Tues:** See verse 17; for whom was the Passover lamb slaughtered? What occurred through the right reception of the Passover (see v. 20)? How did the people respond (see v. 21)? **Wed:** What did God direct every man to do on the tenth day (v. 3)? See verse 5, what sort of lamb should be taken? See the end of verse 6; what were they to do with the lamb? What were they to do with the blood? And with the meat? See verse 13; what would occur for the children of Israel because of the blood? How does all of this remind you of Jesus, the Lamb of God? **Thur:** Why did Moses observe the Passover? What benefit did the sprinkled blood bring? **Fri:** In this verse, who does St. Paul refer to as the Passover lamb? See also John 1:29, 36. What does this teach us about the Old Testament Passover? What were the people eating? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

## **Memory Verse**

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

## In Our Prayers this Week

For Those Recovering from Surgery: Lynn Michael. For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments: Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Joe Childress (father of David Childress), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann). For Those in Need of Healing: Alan Kleiboeker, Roger & Marilyn Sullens (father & mother of Linda Reckling). For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain: Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. Homebound Members: Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken. Baptismal Birthday: Randy Zimmermann (3/4), George Nolte (3/5), Mia Zimmermann (3/7), Bethany Ruckman (3/8), Earlene Lange (3/10), Angie Nolte, Madisyn Nolte, Andy Pigg (3/11). Anniversaries: David & Sheri Nolte (3/10).

**The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism Hymn of the Week**: When in the Hour of Deepest Need (LSB 615)