

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Third Sunday in Lent (Oculi) (March 12th – March 18th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

OT Types of the Lord's Supper: Manna in the Desert

This Week's Catechetical Theme: OT Types of the Lord's Supper: Manna in the Desert

This week, we continue our catechetical emphasis on The Sacrament of the Altar and will be examining Old Testament types that foreshadow the Lord's Supper. In the wilderness, having been rescued and redeemed from bondage in Egypt only one month before, the children of God begin to grumble against the LORD and wish to be back in Egypt. It's as if they have forgotten everything the LORD has done for them. They are ungrateful. They deserve to be punished, but the LORD cannot deny Himself or His Word. Though they deserve nothing but punishment, the LORD acts in mercy, and rains down bread from heaven. This heavenly bread would be the LORD's merciful provision by which they were sustained for 40 years in the wilderness. The LORD has given us bread from heaven as well, and this week, we'll examine how we also are to receive the LORD'S provision with thanksgiving, and according to 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	Blessed Are They Who Hear the Word of God & Keep It Luke 11:14-28		Psalm 82
Monday	Instructions to Faithfulness Psalm 78:1-24	Leviticus 4	Psalm 83
Tuesday	The Earthly Holy Place Hebrews 9:1-5	Leviticus 5	Psalm 84
Wednesday	Manna in the Desert Exodus 16:1-36	Leviticus 6	Psalm 85
Thursday	The Bread of Life John 6:48-51	Leviticus 7	Psalm 86

Friday	The Bread of Life John 6:52-59	Leviticus 8	Psalms 87
Saturday	Exodus 16:2-21	Acts 2:41-47	Psalms 88

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** Describe what the psalmist declares he will do for the children of Israel (v. 4)? How does this psalm depict and contrast the action of Israel verses the action of the LORD? **Tues:** Why was manna held in the holy place? What did this signify for the people of God? **Wed:** It had only been one month since the children of Israel had been rescued from bondage. How did the children of Israel speak toward God? Describe the foolishness of their speaking? What does the LORD promise to give to the children of Israel? Did the children of Israel receive it according to the LORD's Word? How was the giving of daily bread both a blessing and a test? **Thur:** What does Jesus call himself? How are we like the children of Israel, and unworthy recipients of heavenly bread? Where does Jesus give us heavenly bread today? **Fri:** What had Jesus just said? How did the crowd respond? Why did they struggle to receive Jesus' words? What does Jesus promise in verse 54? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. (John 6:49-51)

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:** Bryanna French (3/14), Lois Pigg, Kaleb Kleiboeker (3/15), Sara Hanks (3/17), Kit Milano, Mason Schultz (3/18). **Anniversaries:** Jeff & Kathy Brink (3/15).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism

Hymn of the Week: Lord of Our Life (LSB 659)