

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Fifth Sunday in Lent (Judica) (March 26th – April 1st)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

The Real Presence

This Week's Catechetical Theme: The Real Presence

The LORD dwelt with His people of old in the Tabernacle. There was His real presence among them to bestow His blessings upon them. There, in a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night, the LORD lived among them, and the people had fellowship with Him. In the fullness of time, it pleased the LORD to take on flesh, and to dwell among His people in a new way, by becoming man. That the Son of God humbled Himself, took on flesh in the person of Jesus, and dwelt among us in the mystery of the Incarnation. It is what the angel announced to Mary: His name shall be called Immanuel, which means "God with us"—a very real presence. But the LORD continues to dwell among His people—even among us! And He continues to dwell among us in flesh and blood. This week we explore the "real presence" of Christ in the Lord's Supper. God bless your devotion!

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.

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."

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Before Abraham Was, I AM John 8:42-59		Psalm 96
Monday	Bread from Heaven Exodus 16:4-8	Leviticus 14	Psalm 97

Tuesday	Taste and See Psalm 34:1-8	Leviticus 15	Psalms 98
Wednesday	I AM the Bread of Life John 6:22-34	Leviticus 16	Psalms 99
Thursday	I AM the Bread of Life John 6:35-51	Leviticus 17	Psalms 100
Friday	Feeding and Drinking John 6:52-59	Leviticus 18	Psalms 101
Saturday	Genesis 22:1-14	Philippians 2:5-11	Psalms 102

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** Who gave the bread to the children of Israel? Did they really eat? Why were they given the bread? **Tues:** What enables the Psalmist (and us) to sing praise? To be glad? To exalt? How might Jesus teaching in John 6 help us understand verse 8 of the Psalm? **Wed:** What does Jesus say that the son of Man will give (v. 27)? To what event in the OT does the crowd refer (v. 31)? What does Jesus say that the Father will give (v. 32)? **Thur:** What does Jesus call Himself (v. 41)? How did the crowd respond? What does Jesus specifically say is the bread that He will give (v. 51)? **Fri:** Review Psalm 34:1-8. What enables the Psalmist (and us) to sing praise? To be glad? To exalt? How might Jesus teaching in John 6 help us understand verse 8 of the Psalm? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” (John 6:51)

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:** Norman Kleiboeker, 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:** Caroline Tate (3/26), Kathryn Mines, Elaine Ballance (3/27), Peggy Zimmermann (3/28), Diane Buening (4/1).

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

Hymn of the Week: My Song Is Love Unknown (LSB 430)