

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
The Second Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti) (April 16th – April 22nd)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

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The Sacrament of the Altar is that by which the Lord Jesus Christ feeds and nourishes His people with food that will lead to eternal life. As the Large Catechism teaches: "Those who are mindful of their weakness desire to be rid of it and long for help. They should regard and use the Sacrament just like a precious antidote against the poison that they have in them. Here in the Sacrament you are to receive from the lips of Christ forgiveness of sins. It contains and brings with it God's grace and the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the devil and all misfortune (439:70). This week's catechetical material highlights the benefits of our faithful receiving of the Sacrament of the Altar. 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 Sacrament of the Altar

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These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Appears to the Disciples John 20:19-31		Psalm 117
Monday	Reconciled in His Body Colossians 1:21-22	Numbers 2	Psalm 118
Tuesday	Ransomed with the Blood of Christ 1 Peter 1:17-19	Numbers 3	Psalm 119
Wednesday	The Feeding of the Five Thousand John 6:1-15, 25-29	Numbers 4	Psalm 120
Thursday	Sprinkled Blood that Speaks a Better Word	Numbers 5	Psalm 121

	Hebrews 12:22-24		
Friday	The Blood of Jesus Cleanses Us 1 John 1:5-7	Numbers 6	Psalms 122
Saturday	Ezekiel 34:11-16	1 Peter 5:21-25	Psalms 123

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What does it mean that the people were “once alienated”? By what are they reconciled? What benefit is given in “his body of flesh”? **Tues:** How is this passage similar to yesterday's from Colossians? What does it mean to be “ransomed”? By what were they ransomed? What blessing does the blood of Jesus bring? **Wed:** John 6 was written to Christians who were already gathering to receive the Word and Sacraments. What miracle did Jesus perform? How did the people respond (v 15)? Did they understand in what sense Jesus could provide blessings for them? **Thurs:** Who is the mediator of a new covenant? What does Jesus call the “new covenant” (Luke 22:20)? This is a description of the entire Christian Church. What speaks a good word about them? **Fri:** What is it that cleanses us from all sin? How does this provide fellowship for us? Why is this message worth proclaiming? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

“Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” (John 6:27)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Those Who Mourn: Family & friends who mourn the death of Don Smith (grandfather of Mandy Albers). **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Sheri Nolte, 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, Lynn Michael, 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:** Pat Kleiboeker (4/16), Landon Albers (4/19), Ronda Zimmermann (4/22). **Anniversaries:** Len & Pat Kleiboeker (4/19).

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

Hymn of the Week: O Sons and Daughters of the King (LSB 470)