

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogate) (May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

***The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme:**

#### **The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper**

When we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, we speak the same words, which Jesus spoke to His own disciples on the night when He was betrayed. Even more than that, Christ Himself is present to speak His words once again in the presence of His gathered people. Through this liturgy, the LORD is present to feed us the Supper that He gave to us, so that we would receive His gifts of salvation. It is extraordinary to think that, ever since the celebration of the Last Supper, faithful Christians have been hearing these words—the very words of Jesus—spoken in their midst, and receiving the gifts given through these words. St. Paul teaches us, in his letter to the Corinthians, that already the Church of his day understood that the sound pattern of words which Jesus gave—which the Church had received—were the words through which Jesus would continue to give His gifts to his people. The liturgy of the Lord's Supper is where this continues among us still today. 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**

#### **From The Large Catechism: Part V - The Sacrament of the Altar**

Now here stands Christ's Word, "Take, eat; this is My body. ...Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new testament," and so on. Here we stop to watch those who will call themselves his masters and make the matter different from what he has spoken. It is true, indeed, that if you take away the Word or regard the Sacrament without the words, you have nothing but mere bread and wine. But if the words remain with them, as they shall and must, then, by virtue of the words, it is truly Christ's body and blood. What Christ's lips say and speak, so it is. He can never lie or deceive [Titus 1:2] (LC V 13-14).

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Catechetical Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>I Have Overcome the World John 16:23-30</b>		<b>Psalm 145</b>

<b>Monday</b>	<b>The Faith Once Delivered Jude 1:1-4</b>	<b>Numbers 22</b>	<b>Psalm 146</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>The Traditions as I Delivered Them 1 Corinthians 11:1-2</b>	<b>Numbers 23</b>	<b>Psalm 147</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>What I Received I Also Delivered 1 Corinthians 11:23-25</b>	<b>Numbers 24</b>	<b>Psalm 148</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>I Delivered to You as First Importance 1 Corinthians 15:1-8</b>	<b>Numbers 25</b>	<b>Psalm 149</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>To Which You Were Committed Romans 6:15-17</b>	<b>Numbers 26</b>	<b>Psalm 150</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Ezekiel 36:22-28</b>	<b>1 Peter 4:7-14</b>	<b>Psalm 1</b>

### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What was once delivered to the saints? How was the faith “perverted,” as indicated in verse 4? How do we guard against such perversions of the faith today? **Tues:** For what reason did Paul commend the Corinthian Christians? To what is Paul referring with the word “traditions” (the teaching that was handed over)? How had he delivered those teachings? **Wed:** What was it that Paul had received? What was it that Paul was now delivering? Why is it important to hand it over just as he had first received it? How does this continue in the Church today? **Thurs:** How important was the teaching which Paul had given? Was it okay for the Corinthian Christians to depart from it, or to change it in any way? What was at stake in this true teaching? **Fri:** Into what were the Roman Christians delivered? What did they receive in this standard of teaching (freedom from sin!)? What would they give up if they departed from the standard of teaching? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim. 1:13)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**For all mothers and those who desire to be mothers. For all those serving in the Armed Forces. For Our High School Graduates:** Samantha Zimmermann, Jordan Kleiboeker, Payton Golding. **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 Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe

(brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann. **Homebound Members:** Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken. **Baptismal Birthday:** Donald Will, Sr. (5/12). **Anniversaries:** Sara & James Kuper (5/10).

**The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism**  
**Hymn of the Week:** Our Father, Who From Heaven Above (LSB 766)