

**The Congregation at Prayer**  
***A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following***  
***Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021***

*Simple orders can be found on pages 294-298 in LSB or you may use the following order*

***Invocation***

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Psalm***

Psalm 33

***Verse of the Month***

I Corinthians 15:20: "But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

***10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed***

***Hymn of the Week***

O Sons and Daughters of the King (LSB 470/TLH 208)

***Reading from Holy Scripture***

*Members may choose...*

- *Read the Bible in a year (church website) or children's The Story Bible (CPH)*
- *Readings appointed from the Daily Lectionary (LSB p. 299-304)*

***Looking forward to Quasimodo Geniti (Easter II)***

Easter Monday: Luke 24:13-35

Easter Tuesday: Luke 24:36-49

Easter Wednesday: John 21:1-14

Thursday: John 20:19-31

Friday: "There are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood." (1 Jn 5:4-10) These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and the side from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness, which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:19-31) His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life. (Ezek 37:1-14) Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

***Catechism for the Week: Asking a Blessing***

*The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:* The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (*Psalm 145:15-16*) *Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:* Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts which we receive from Thy bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ***Prayers:***

### ***Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)***

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for Your great, unspeakable grace in appointing through Your Son, our Lord Christ, the Holy Gospel and Holy Sacraments for our comfort, that in them we might find forgiveness of sins. And we beseech You to put Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and that by the Holy Sacraments our faith may be daily strengthened until at last we obtain salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### ***In Our Prayers This Week:***

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Kathy Foat, Bill Lindbloom, Kathy Hansen

### ***Lord's Prayer***

#### ***Morning Prayer***

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### ***Evening Prayer***

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### ***Mealtime Prayer***

The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts which we receive from Thy bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### ***Closing***

Let us bless the Lord: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### ***Hymn of the Month***

Christ Is Arisen (LSB 459/TLH 187)

### ***Reading from the Book of Concord***

Portions of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession p. 235-244

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)

### ***Hymns***

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