

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

2nd Sunday in Lent - Reminiscere – March 5, 2023

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 136:1-16

Verse of the Month

Isaiah 53:4-5 “Surely He has borne our griefs, And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

Lord of Our Life (LSB 659/TLH 258)

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 Oculi (Third Sunday in Lent)

Monday: Exodus 8:16-24

Tuesday: Ephesians 5:1-9

Wednesday: Luke 11:14-28

Thursday: Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the word of the Lord. (Jer 26:1-15) So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak. (Lk 11:14-28) But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard. (Ex 8:16-24) They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord. (Eph 5:1-9) As children of light our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us. In a world where demons roam we confess, "My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net." (Introit)

Catechism for the Week: Sacrament of the Altar II & III

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show 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.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be made man, that He might crush the devil’s tyranny and protect us men from our wicked adversary: we thank You for this gracious help, and we beseech You in all tribulations graciously to come to our aid, to keep us from complacency, and by Your Holy Spirit mercifully to sustain us in Your Word and holy fear, that we may abide in peace from the evil foe until our end, and through Your Son obtain eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Bill Heck, Lisa Salo, Todd Morawetz

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.

Mealttime 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

On My Heart Imprint Your Image (LSB 422/TLH 179)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession p. 195-207
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)