

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 20, 2025

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 33

Verse of the Month

I Corinthians 15:3-4 “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”

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: Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors Part I

What does God’s Word say about what hearers owe their pastors? The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (I Corinthians 9:14) Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share

all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:6-7) The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” (I Timothy 5:17-18)

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:

Mark Siddons

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

O Darkest Woe (LSB 448/ TLH 167)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Smalcald Articles p. 272-281

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)