

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Quinquagesima – February 15, 2026

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 32

Verse of the Month

Psalm 1:6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (*LSB* 656/*TLH* 262)

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 Invocabit (First Sunday in Lent)

Monday: Genesis 3:1-21

Tuesday: II Corinthians 6:1-10

Wednesday: Matthew 4:1-11

Thursday: In the Garden man exalts himself to be a god in place of God. (Gen 3:1-21) He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness God humbles Himself to become man in place of man. (Mt 4:1-11) He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath Satan. (I Samuel 17:40-51) Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor 6:1-10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14-16).

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

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

Where is this written? The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul, write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread: and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He

gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, we beseech You that, whereas the wicked enemy constantly stalks us, and as a roaring lion walks around, seeking whom he may devour, You would for the sake of Christ, Your Son, come to our aid and by Your Word strengthen our hearts, that the foe may not overpower us, but that we may abide in Your grace eternally and at last obtain salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Mark Siddons, Betty Beierle, Arnie Oelkers, Carol Smith, Ruby Gobel

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 all evil, so 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, so that the wicked 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, 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, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord; and Thou givest them their meat in due season; Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire 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

I Walk in Danger All the Day (*LSB* 716 / *TLH* 413)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession p. 185-195

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)