

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 5, 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 24

Verse of the Month

Psalm 2:2-3 ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His Anointed, saying, ³ Let us break Their bands asunder, and cast away Their cords from us.

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

Savior of the Nations Come (LSB 332/TLH 95)

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 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: For Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

God's Word for Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not

violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence; not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil; holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. (1 Tim. 3:2-4, 6; Titus 1:9)

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, Betty Beierle

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

Christ Is Arisen LSB 459 TLH 187

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Smalcald Articles p. 262-272

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)