

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Misericordias Domini – April 19, 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 147:1-11

Verse of the Month

Psalm 2:2-3² 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

With High Delight Let Us Unite (*LSB* 483)

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 Jubilate

Monday: Isaiah 40:25-31

Tuesday: I Peter 2:11-20

Wednesday: John 16:16-22

Thursday: The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come. (1 Peter 2:11-20) Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn 3:1-3) We are those who wait on the Lord. "The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him." (Lam 3:22-33) Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." (Jn 16:16-22) Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. "Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." (Is 40:25-31) The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. "And your joy no one will take from you."

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe to Their Pastors Part II

God's Word for what the Hearers Owe to Their Pastors. And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. (1 Thess. 5:12-13) Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. (Heb. 13:17)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, who in Your fatherly goodness are pleased to chasten Your children on earth with the rod of discipline, that we may be conformed to the likeness of Your only-begotten Son in both present suffering and future glory: we beseech You to comfort us with Your Holy Spirit in tribulation and cross, that we may not despair but cling firmly to this comfort, according to the promise of Your Son that our suffering will be but little, and then shall follow eternal joy, that by such hope we may patiently overcome all misfortune and through Jesus Christ obtain salvation. 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-Power and Primacy of the Pope p. 281-302

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)