

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER – (From LSB page 294)

Sunday: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.

Wednesday: Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Thursday: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

IN OUR PRAYERS AT CHRIST:

Prayer Family: *Bill & Terry Gassett* and their loved ones

Mary Cornelius, Mark Ochs's coworker, who has macular degenerative disease

Bill Gassett, who is recovering from illness

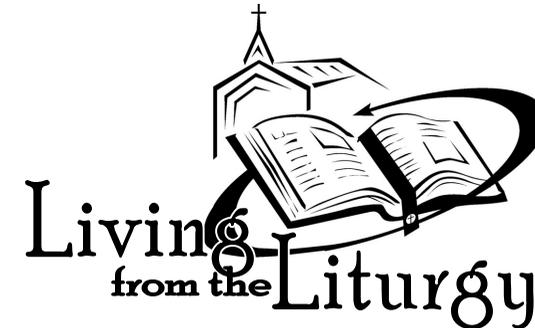
Marilyn Unger, Jenny Merry's aunt, who is undergoing cancer treatment

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Luther's 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.



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 5 through April 11, 2020*

In another strange narrative, Jesus hears that His friend Lazarus has died. Yet he does not mourn but rejoices. However, when He comes to Bethany, where Lazarus and his family live, the Lord asks to see Lazarus' grave. It is now that He weeps, along with Mary, Martha, and the throng of the Jews. Yet His tears are not as the others, for they weep over what they have lost. Christ weeps tears of joy over what He is about to regain, for He shall raise Lazarus from the dead, even as He shall raise all His friends, that is, all the baptized.

AN ORDER FOR DAILY MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Read the Scriptures appointed for the day, review the readings from Sunday, and learn by heart the appointed verse and portion of the Small Catechism. Conclude with the Psalms, the Collect, and the prayers, using the guidelines as you see appropriate.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Due to CLC's schedule shift, the regular readings from the Treasury of Daily prayer have been adapted here to fit the new Easter schedule.

Sunday, April 5	Psalm 45	Exodus 8:1-16	Matthew 26:1-16
Monday, April 6	Psalm 71	Exodus 8:16-19	Matthew 26:17-56
Tuesday, April 7	Psalm 77	Exodus 8:20-32	Matthew 26:57-75
Wednesday, April 8	Psalm 32	Exodus 9:1-7	Matthew 27:1-26
Thursday, April 9	Psalm 38	Exodus 9:8-12	Matthew 27:27-44
Friday, April 10	Psalm 51	Exodus 9:13-28	Matthew 27:45-66
Saturday, April 11	Psalm 76	Exodus 9:29-35	Matthew 28:1-20

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – APRIL 5, 2020

Theme: Christ rejoices in being rejoined to those who are His friends, and in their resurrection, that He might live with them forever.

Hymn: 552, “O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life”

Summary of Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14: God reveals to Ezekiel the vision of the valley of dry bones.

Romans 8:1-11: St. Paul teaches that sin has been put to death in the flesh of Christ, and that death no longer reigns, but life through Christ's Resurrection. Therefore, even when we have died, yet we shall be resurrected unto eternal life.

John 11:1-45: Jesus hears of the death of His friend Lazarus, and raises him up after four days.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Ephesians 2:1: “You He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

THE CATECHISM: THE APOSTLE'S CREED: FIRST ARTICLE

(Important! If you have memorized a different translation in confirmation, it is best to pull out your old catechism and refresh your memory from those texts.)

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean (first paragraph)? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 130 (ESV)

Meditate on this Psalm every day when you pray, and use it as the starting place for your own prayer:

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

²O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 130¹:

God, our Father, who is rich in mercy and with whom is plenteous forgiveness, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions. Blot them out for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who became the sacrifice for our sins. For the sake of His crimson blood let our sins be forgotten, and let them be imputed to us no more. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT:

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹ Reading the Psalms with Luther, CPH, 2007