

First Reading

Exodus 15:22-26

Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.”

Second Reading

Luke 11:5-13

And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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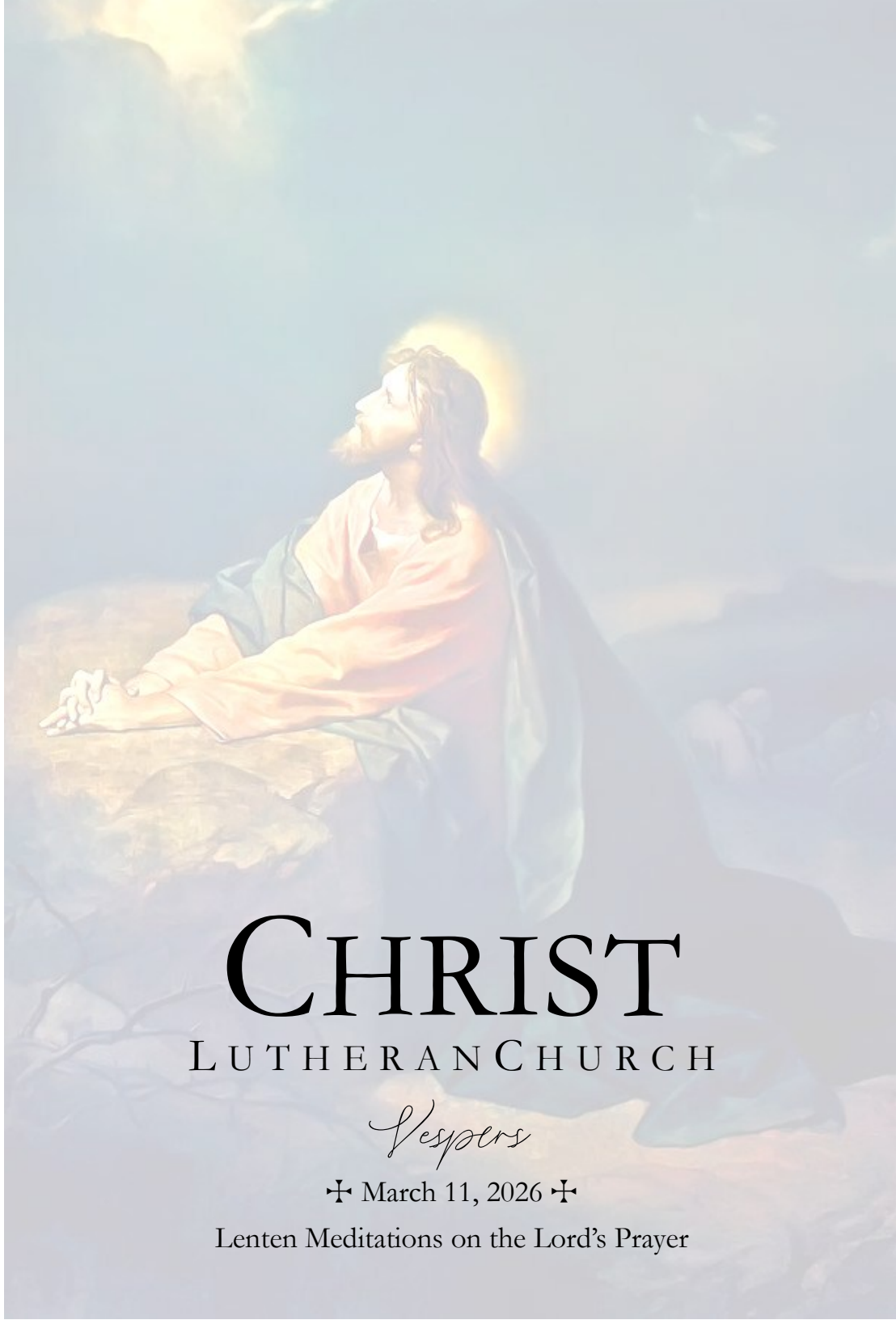
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Lenten Meditations on the Lord’s Prayer

We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Luther's Small Catechism

Concerning the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread":

"[The one who prays this petition] is not reminding God that the rational order of existence should function properly today and tomorrow with regard to his own food and clothing. He tries, rather, to fix his hear on 'seeking the kingdom of God.' He enters into a unity of understanding with God in this concern, in the place where he is and on the day through which he is living. And from there, he prays that the place where he is, the day that it is, the things that surround him now, may all obey the holy will of the Father, also in providing him with his bread and clothing and everything the heavenly Father knows that he needs."

Joseph Ratzinger, *The God of Jesus Christ*

Psalm: Exsurgat Deus

Psalm 68:1-13; Ant. Psalm 68:19



Blesséd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up; *
God is our sal- | vation.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered; *
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive | them away; *
as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish be- | fore God!

**But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God; *
they shall be jubilant | with joy!**

**Sing to God, sing praises | to his name; *
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD;
exult be- | fore him!**

Father of the fatherless and protector of | widows *
is God in his holy habi- | tation.

God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to pros- | perity, *
but the rebellious dwell in a | parched land.

**O God, when you went out before your | people, *
when you marched through the | wilderness,
the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of | Sinai, *
before God, the God of | Israel.**

Rain in abundance, O God, you | shed abroad; *
you restored your inheritance as it | languished;
your flock found a dwell- | ing in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

**The Lord | gives the word; *
the women who announce the news are a | great host:**

**"The kings of the armies—they | flee, they flee!" *
The women at home divide the | spoil—**

though you men lie among the | sheepfolds— *
the wings of a dove covered with silver, its pinions with | shimmering gold.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Blesséd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up; *
God is our sal- | vation.

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