

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
 For the Week of Quinquagesima Sunday  
 February 11, 2018 through February 18, 2018

**Catechesis Notes for the Week— This is My body.** In the Lord's Supper Jesus gives us His body to eat and His blood to drink. The Sacrament of the Altar rests upon the Word of God. Jesus' words give what they say. The power and benefits of the Sacrament are given through the Word. Take away the Word and there is no Sacrament. With the Word, there is a Sacrament, namely, "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink." What role does faith play in the Sacrament? Faith receives what the Word says. Faith believes in what the Word gives. Faith rests upon the promises of God. The essence of the Sacrament, that is, "what it is," is determined by the Word. This gives faith its certainty. We know we receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, because the Word says so. Faith knows no other certainty but the promises of the Gospel.

## The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week. Use the Lutheran Service Book hymnal. Daily Prayer for Individuals and Families begins on page 294, including simple orders of prayer for Morning, Noon, Evening, and Close of Day.

## Theme: We Are Saved by Faith Alone!

### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Apostles' Creed

#### Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

#### Psalm 89 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

**Prayer on the Psalm:** Heavenly Father, I will sing of Your steadfast love forever for You are the God of my salvation, my faithful Creator, and the giver of the Son of God, my Savior. Teach me to rely with steadfast faith upon everything You have done for our salvation throughout the Old Testament history of salvation. You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

| Daily Psalms | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Morning      | 35     | 37     | 40      | 42, 43    | 45       | 48, 49 | 51       | 84     |
| Evening      | 36     | 38     | 39, 41  | 44        | 46, 47   | 50     | 52, 53   | 42, 32 |

### Readings for the Week of Quinquagesima Sunday

| Day       | Bible Stories for the Family and Academy OR use → → → → → → | Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299 |              |
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| Sunday    | Jesus Gives Sight to a Blind Man—Luke 18:31-43              | Job 7:1-21                             | John 4:7-26  |
| Monday    | The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life—Genesis 2:4-17   | Job 8:1-22                             | John 4:27-45 |
| Tuesday   | Man Eats the Forbidden Fruit—Genesis 3:1-24                 | Job 9:1-35                             | John 4:46-54 |
| Wednesday | The Passover—Exodus 12:1-14, 17                             | Gen. 1:1-19                            | Mark 1:1-13  |
| Thursday  | The Wedding in Cana of Galilee—John 2:1-11                  | Gen. 1:20—2:3                          | Mark 1:14-28 |
| Friday    | <b>No School—Winter Break</b>                               | Gen. 2:4-25                            | Mark 1:29-45 |
| Saturday  | Look ahead to Sunday's readings                             | Gen. 3:1-24                            | Mark 2:1-17  |
| Sunday    | Sunday's readings   | Gen. 4:1-26                            | Mark 2:18-28 |

### The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar—What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

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

First Grade +

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| Where is this written?<br>The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:   | Second Grade + |
| Our Lord Jesus Christ,<br>on the night when He was betrayed,<br>took bread,<br>and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:<br>“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.<br><b>This do in remembrance of Me.</b> ”<br>In the same way also He took the cup after supper,<br>and when He had given thanks,<br>He gave it to them, saying,<br>“Drink of it, all of you;<br><b>this cup is the new testament in My blood,<br/>which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.<br/>This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.</b> ” | Kindergarten + |

**Prayers: Catechism Prayers, In Our Prayers at Peace, and Collect for the Week**

**Prayer before Receiving the Lord’s Supper**

*O Lord Jesus, we give thanks to You that on the night You were betrayed You instituted the Lord’s Supper from the Old Testament Passover and showed Yourself to be the true Passover Lamb. You redeemed us from slavery to sin, death, and the power of the devil through Your body and blood that was given and shed for our forgiveness upon the cross. Prepare us faithfully to eat and to drink of Your body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, that we might receive every blessing of salvation that You won for us in Your suffering and death upon the cross. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of the Altar**

*Lord Jesus Christ, by Your own words You have instituted the Lord’s Supper, teaching us to believe that it is Your true body and blood, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink. We give thanks to You for this precious gift. Give us true faith in Your words that we might receive Your body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation as You have promised. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.*

**In Our Prayers this Week**

*President Wille suffering with a hemorrhage in his eye.*

*Dee Grossmann in hospice care because of terminal cancer.*

*Gilbert Leon, Walter Schmudlach, and Henry Fuchs in treatment for cancer.*

*Waylon Kotecki, friend of Cole Petersen, recovering from surgery for a severe broken femur.*

**Collect for the Week of Quinquagesima Sunday**

*O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Collect for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season:**

*Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of the Week**

**“O Lord, We Praise Thee” (stanzas 1-2)**

**617**

**Looking forward to Invocabit Sunday— the First Sunday in Lent**

**February 18, 2018**

**Hymns:** 562, 656, 424, 561, 587, 418

**Genesis 3:1-21:** Attack the Word of God so that Adam turns away from the source of life with God—that was Satan’s aim. The result was sin, unbelief that separated us from God, and because of it we die and our relationship with God is destroyed. What Adam failed to be and to do, our Lord Jesus did for us. Our deliverance from Satan is bound up with the Son of God becoming man for us, suffering the death that we deserved by our sin, and faithfully trusting in His Father to the end. Where our father Adam wavered and fell, Jesus remained steadfast and immovable from His faith in the Father.

**2 Corinthians 6:1-10:** As long as we live, the Lord’s call remains constant: “Now is the day of salvation! Come to Me!”

**Matthew 4:1-11:** “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” Every step of the way in His time of testing and temptation from the evil one, Jesus quoted Scripture and defended Himself and the honor of His Father with the Word of God. Even when Satan twisted and misused God’s Word, Jesus countered by faithfully proclaiming God’s Word in reply. As strange as it sounds to our ears, Jesus did not even rely upon Himself; instead, He relied solely upon His Father’s good and gracious Word. He was faithful unto death that we might be rescued from every unfaithfulness of our sinful nature.