

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
 For the Week of the Second Sunday in Lent/Reminiscere Sunday
 March 17 through March 24, 2019

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 24: Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Glorious Resurrection & Ascension of Our Lord
 Psalm 24 is a psalm that proclaims the victory of Christ's atonement. By the shedding of His blood, we and all of creation were redeemed. "The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness..." We may ascend the holy hill of the Lord, because He has declared us to be righteous and has cleansed us from all our sin. This victory is gloriously proclaimed in the resurrection and ascension of our Lord. He has taken our place under the Law. He has redeemed us from sin, having taken the sin of the world upon Himself. We receive His righteousness as our very own and join the King of glory in His triumphal procession. "Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle!" He defeated our enemy Satan upon the cross. Forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation is ours. Psalm 24 is a psalm of thanks and praise to the Lord Jesus because we rejoice in the victory of the cross that His glorious resurrection and ascension proclaim to us.

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.

Theme: My Eyes Are Ever on the Lord

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek:
 That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
 To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

Psalm 24 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	30	32	33	35	37	40	42, 43	45
Evening	28, 29	31	34	36	38	39, 41	44	46, 47

Readings for the Week of the Second Sunday in Lent/Reminiscere Sunday

Day	Bible Stories for the Family and Academy OR use → → → → →	Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sunday	The Canaanite Woman Cries Out to Jesus—Matthew 15:21-28	Gn. 16:1-9, 15-17:22	Mark 6:1-13
Monday	The Shepherd Knows the Sheep—John 10:22-42	Gen. 18:1-15	Mark 6:14-34
Tuesday	The Death of Lazarus—John 11:1-16	Gen. 21:1-21	Mark 6:35-56
Wednesday	Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life—John 11:17-37	Gen. 22:1-19	Mark 7:1-23
Thursday	Lazarus Is Raised from the Dead—John 11:38-44	Gen. 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
Friday	The Plot to Kill Jesus—John 11:45-57	Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67	Mark 8:1-21
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings Sunday's readings	Gen. 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38
Sunday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings Sunday's readings	Gn. 27:30-45; 28:10-22	Mark 9:1-13

The Catechism: What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors (first half)

(Preschool children review the primary texts of the first three commandments)

What does God's Word say the hearers of God's Word owe their pastors? The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.	First Grade + 1 Corinthians 9:14
Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.	Second Grade + Galatians 6:6-7
The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."	Third Grade + 1 Timothy 5:17-18

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

Prayer for Hearers of God's Word:

O Lord Jesus, we give thanks to You for the gift of pastors who preach Your saving Gospel and administer Your life-giving sacraments to us. Crucify our flesh and destroy all impenitence and unbelief in us, so that we who have received faithful instruction in the Word of God might provide generously for the support of our pastors. Teach us to believe that our pastors, who faithfully sow the seed and tread out the grain of Your Word, are worthy of their wages and are entitled to reap from what they have sown. Teach us to believe that preaching and teaching Your Word is the most important work that our pastors do, so that we might honor and support them in this work, live together with them in the peace of Your forgiveness, and hold them in the highest regard in love for the sake of the Gospel; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- 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 this Week

Jeff and Laura Vogt's 18th wedding anniversary, daughter and son-in-law of Pat and Sharon Murphy.

Friends and family of Rev. Thomas Trapp, brother of John Trapp, who mourn his death.

Elsie Neumann, at Manor Care.

Mary, 8 year old niece of Beth Boehringer, diagnosed and hospitalized with leukemia.

Marie Scheler in hospice care.

Collect for the week of Second Sunday in Lent/ Reminiscere Sunday:

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" (stanza 1-3)

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Looking forward to Oculi Sunday—the Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

Hymns: 604, 656, 594, 755, 743, 664

Exodus 8:16-24: *In the strange plagues that visited God's judgment upon Egypt, the Lord demonstrated His superiority and conquest over the satanic gods of the Egyptians. He dominated the gods of the underworld by changing water to blood and in the plagues of frogs and lice. He dominated the gods of the world in the plagues of flies, diseased livestock, and the boils that covered the skin of man and beast. And He dominated the gods of the overworld by the plagues of fiery hail, devouring locusts, and thick darkness that engulfed the land. Against the false gods of this world that are animated by the doctrine of demons, Jesus reigns as the only true God and Savior. He holds the battlefield forever.*

Ephesians 5:1-9: *To "walk in the light" is to live the repentant life—a life that constantly flees from the lusts of the flesh with all its appetites and desires and clings to the renewing power of Christ's love and forgiveness.*

Luke 11:14-28: *Throughout His ministry Jesus showed forth His compassion and mercy by healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, raising the dead, and casting out demons. Every miracle of His grace was a sign of the power of His death and resurrection to save us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. But His antagonists accused Him of casting out demons by the power of the prince of the demons. This is the way that evil works: what is good, saving, and life-giving, according to God's word and His gifts of salvation, is declared to be evil by the world and the forces of darkness. Evil is called good and good is called evil. Such is the way of Satan. Satan is a powerful "strong man," but Jesus is the "Stronger Man"! Jesus casts out demons, not by being in league with the devil, but by "the finger of God." What is God's finger? Is it not His strong Word and Spirit which is anchored in what Jesus accomplished for us in His death, when He crushed the Serpent's head with His heel? Satan is powerless in the face of Him who by His death has robbed him of his power and who, by the preaching of the Gospel, now casts out demons, muzzles the accuser, and bestows salvation from the devil's power. "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!" for the strong Word of the Stronger Man is our sure and certain defense.*