

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Second Sunday in Lent/Reminiscere Sunday
February 28 through March 7, 2021*

Catechesis Notes for the Week —Psalm 108—A Song of Praise for God's Kingdom Spread throughout the World—
Psalm 108 begins with the familiar lyrics of the believer who gives thanks to God and praises Him for His salvation and for extending His kingdom into all the earth. From the Lord's strong city (for us it is the Church), He extends His kingdom beyond the tribes of Israel and Judah into all the nations of the earth. The citizens of the Kingdom of God are often oppressed, but it is the Lord God who ultimately defends them, gives them help from trouble, and treads their enemies underfoot. Psalm 108 is a joyful song of praise to the Lord for His mission to the world.

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess 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: Remember Us, O Lord, in Your Abundant Mercy!

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:26

**As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.**

Psalm 108 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord God, we sing your praises for the salvation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and pray for His kingdom to extend into all the earth. Surround us with the armies of heaven. Bless, protect, and defend Your holy Church against every enemy who would rise up to destroy her; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	84	119:73-80	34	5	38	22	43	84
Evening	42, 32	121, 6	25, 91	27, 51	126, 102	107, 130	31, 143	42, 32

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Canaanite Woman—Matthew 15:21-28	
Monday	People Crave Meat—Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34	1 Corinthians 11:27-34
Tuesday	The Feeding of the Five Thousand—John 6:1-21	1 Corinthians 5:6-13
Wednesday	Midweek: Ahab Murders Naboth—1 Kings 21:1-16	Genesis 9:5-7
Thursday	Jesus Is the Bread from Heaven—John 6:22-44	Hebrews 9:11-22
Friday	Jesus Is Rejected by His Own—John 6:47-69	2 John 1:7-11
Saturday	The Word Is Preached to Call to Repentance—Jeremiah 26:1-15	Ephesians 5:1-9

The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar— Review and Where is this written? Who receives this sacrament worthily?

What is the Sacrament of the Altar? (review) 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 +
Where is this written? The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: (review) Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."	Second Grade + Kindergarten +
Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.	Second Grade +

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

Prayer for Worthy Reception of the Sacrament of the Altar

Heavenly Father, You teach me that fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training before receiving the Lord's Supper, but that I am truly worthy and well prepared if I have faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Give me truly repentant faith that, confessing my sins and trusting in the merits of Jesus alone, I might worthily receive His body and blood, so that I find joy and comfort in Christ alone and also learn from Him to love You and my neighbor; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Prayer Before Receiving the Lord's Supper

Lord God, heavenly Father, I come to the altar at Your invitation to receive the holy body and the precious blood of my Savior Jesus Christ. I confess to You all my sins. I am heartily sorry for them. For Jesus' sake, I forgive my enemies and all who have sinned against me. I believe that You give me the forgiveness of sins and the gift of new life and salvation through the body and blood of my Savior. Through the Lord's Supper strengthen my faith in Christ, increase my love for others, grant me faithfulness in my vocation, and give me the joyous hope and confidence of eternal life and salvation in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

Baptismal Birthdays: Ali Meehan, Micah Hardenbrook (2/27), Christian Anderson (2/28), James Kirk (3/2), Christine Franklin, Bernice Lemke (3/3), Randy Burk (3/5).

The sick: Paul Schmidt, hospitalized in Arizona with multiple health issues; Tom Aufdemberge, recovering from a concussion after a bicycle accident; Jeremy LaFore and his family as he battles ALS. Tom Pinzl recovering from surgery and undergoing treatment for bladder cancer; Jim Nitzsche, who regains strength after completing chemotherapy; Brian Nienabor, who has completed his chemotherapy and is awaiting possible further treatment; Jill Franklin and Allison Witte who continue to receive treatment for cancer; and Roger Laubenstein, who continues to have cancer and is awaiting word on further treatment.

Those who mourn: Paul Kachelmeyer and his family who mourn the death of Paul's mother, Patricia and also the family of Moritz (Morey) Koch who died February 25th.

Collect for the week of The 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

"Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering" (stanza 1)

600

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March 7, 2021

Hymns: 668, 663, 666, 544, 585, 777

Jeremiah 26:1-15: Jeremiah was a faithful prophet. The Lord had given him a word to speak, calling Judah to repentance for their sin and calling them to return to the Lord. He prophesied to them that unless they repented of their sin, they would suffer the Lord's judgment. Since they did not want to hear this message and amend their ways, they threatened to kill Jeremiah. In the face of these threats, Jeremiah did not amend his message in the slightest but remained faithful to what the Lord had given him to say. This is the calling of every prophet and pastor of the Lord. Jeremiah endured much persecution and suffering for being faithful to the Lord's Word. In the end, he would receive the reward of eternal life.

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. We are not to be partakers with those who follow the destructive desires of their flesh. What fellowship does light have with darkness? None. We have been redeemed from the darkness of sin and we have been brought into the light of Christ's forgiveness and love. From the reception of Christ's forgiveness, the fruit of the Spirit is produced in the hearts and lives of His children.

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.