

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*For the Week of Quinquagesima Sunday*

*February 27 through March 6, 2022*

**Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 148: The Creation Praises the Lord**—How does the creation praise the Lord? What is praise? Praise gives all honor and glory to God. Psalm 148 extols “the LORD”—the great “I AM” and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as the only true God who is both the Creator of the heavens and the earth and the eternal Savior. The whole of God’s creation praises the LORD when the creation does the very things that God has given it to do and performs its work according to the LORD’S will. Psalm 148 teaches us to understand that the whole of God’s creation is in service to the LORD for His good and gracious purposes. Because of the song of praise throughout God’s creation, young men and maidens, old men and children, and every believer and faithful saint of Christ’s Church praises the name of the LORD and extols His salvation in all the earth.

## 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: We See God Rightly through the Cross of Christ!

### Invocation

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

### Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:27

Whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

**Psalm 148 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.**

**Prayer on the Psalm:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we Your unworthy servants, give You most humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all mankind. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for Your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments, and for the hope of glory. We implore You to give us that due sense of all Your mercies that our hearts may ever be deeply thankful and that we may show forth Your praise with both our lips and our lives. Let us walk before You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life and enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Your favor, be sustained and comforted in every time of trouble, and finally be received into Your everlasting kingdom; through Your infinite mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	48, 49	51	54, 56	59	60, 61	65	66	68
Evening	50	52, 53	55	57, 58	62	63, 64	67, 70	69

### Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	<b>A Blind Man Receives His Sight—Luke 18:31-43</b>	
Monday	The End of the Babylonian Captivity—Ezra 1:1-11	2 Peter 1:16-21
Tuesday	The Rebuilding of the Temple—Ezra 3:1-13	2 Peter 2:1-22
Wednesday	<b>Nehemiah’s Prayer—Nehemiah 1:1—2:6</b>	<b>2 Peter 3:1-18</b>
Thursday	Ezra Reads from the Torah—Nehemiah 7:73c—8:12	Jude 1:1-11
Friday	The Israelites Confess Their Sins—Nehemiah 9:1-38	Jude 1:12-25
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Genesis 3:1-21	Hebrews 4:14-16

**The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar**— Review and 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 +

<i>Where is this written?</i> The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: (review)	Second Grade +
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: <b>“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”</b> In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, <b>“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.”</b>	Kindergarten +
<i>Who receives this sacrament worthily?</i> Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: <b>“Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”</b> 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 Collects 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.*

**In Our Prayers this Week**

**Baptism:** Abigail Jo Bender, daughter of John & Samantha Bender, baptized this morning.

**Baptismal Birthdays:** Micah Hardenbrook, Ali Meehan (2/27), Christian Anderson, Kevin Gierach (2/28), Jim Daleiden (3/1), James Kirk (3/2), Christine Franklin, Bernice Lemke (3/3), Randy Burk (3/5).

**Thanksgiving:** Gabby Hartwig for a reprieve from cancer, even as she continues to undergo therapeutic treatment.

**The Sick:** Jeanne Scholz having shoulder surgery March 1; Kathy Federman suffering from pneumonia; Amy Bruss, recovering from a stroke; Rev. Duwayne Schneider, in assisted living.

**Cancer Treatment:** Nancy Thiele (leukemia); Aburuyeba Amaso (breast cancer); Jim Nitzsche (lung cancer); James Loker (liver cancer); Josiah Boehringer (childhood cancer).

**Concordia University Wisconsin** for renewal and healing in God’s Word.

**The people of Ukraine**, wisdom and guidance for the governments of the world in dealing with the crisis of Russia’s invasion.

**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:**

*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...*

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

**Hymn of the Week**

**“From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee” (stanzas 1-3)**

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

**March 6, 2022**

**Hymns: 544, 656, 424, 561, 529, 718**

**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.

**Hebrews 4:14-16:** The High Priest interceded for the congregation before God. At the center of his work was officiating at the sacrifices and interceding for the people before God for forgiveness for their sins. Every Old Testament priest was taken from the sinful congregation and was himself sinful. Jesus, though He was without sin, was tempted in every way that we are and chose in love to bear our weaknesses and infirmities. Because of this He knows our need in every way and can help us in our time of need with His grace. We are bold to approach the throne of grace in confession of sins and the Sacrament of the Altar, knowing that we will obtain His mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**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 manifestation of unfaithfulness from our sinful nature.