

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Second Sunday in Lent/Reminiscere Sunday  
March 13 through March 20, 2022*

**Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 150: A Call to Praise the Lord**—Psalm 150 concludes the psalter with a call to praise the LORD—the eternal God of the promise of salvation. This praise of the LORD is rooted in His saving grace proclaimed in the Gospel of Christ and celebrated by all of creation. The song of praise begins in the church, the mouth-house of the Gospel, and extends throughout creation from the sanctuary to the mighty firmament. Every instrument is called upon to give all glory and honor to God—trumpet, lute, harp, timbrel, dance, stringed instruments, flutes, and cymbals. All the known instruments of the ancient world were employed in the service of the LORD. Finally, the psalm concludes with the simple, yet profound call to all: “Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.” All living things are creatures dependent upon Him! He is both the Creator and Savior! All glory to the LORD! Praise the LORD! It is in the LORD’S praise that we find our peace and contentment, hope and optimism for the future.

## 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: Remember Me, O Lord, in Your Mercy!

### 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 150 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

**Prayer on the Psalm:** O Lord, deliver us from hopelessness and despair, and grant us faith to praise You with every breath of our being. Let us employ every instrument in service to the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ. Let it begin in the Church and extend to all the world for the glory of Christ and the extension of His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our 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
Morning	85	88	89	91	92	95, 96	98, 100	101
Evening	86	87	90	93	94	97	99	102

### Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	<b>The Canaanite Woman Cries Out to Jesus—Matthew 15:21-28</b>	
Monday	The Death of Lazarus—John 11:1-16	1 Corinthians 2:1-9
Tuesday	Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life—John 11:17-37	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Wednesday	<b>MIDWEEK: Abraham Prays for Sodom—Genesis 18:23-32</b>	Colossians 3:12-15
Thursday	Lazarus Is Raised from the Dead—John 11:38-44	1 Cor. 15:12-28
Friday	The Plot to Kill Jesus—John 11:45-57	1 Peter 3:13-22
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Jeremiah 26:1-15 <b>St Joseph, Guardian of Jesus—Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23</b>	Ephesians 5:1-9

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

(Preschool and kindergarten 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 Collects 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.

**In Our Prayers this Week**

**Baptismal Birthdays:** John Trapp (3/17), Steve LaSage, David Nietzsche, Sarah Prom, Jeanine Walentoski (3/18), Bonnie Zeretzke, Margit Rhode (3/19).

**Wedding Anniversary:** John and Samantha Bender (3/14).

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

**The Sick:** Paul Johnson, Brenda Greschner's son-in-law, recuperating from back surgery; Rev. Dr. Wolf Knappe in therapy following a stroke; Jim Nietzsche hospitalized with pneumonia and pulmonary failure; Tom Pinzl recovering from kidney surgery; Bob Zaretzke left leg injury from falls; Mary McMiller recovering from knee surgery (infection); Amy Bruss, recovering from a stroke.

**Cancer Treatment:** James Loker (liver cancer); Josiah Boehringer (childhood cancer).

**In Hospice Care:** Nancy Thiele (leukemia)

**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 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.

**Collect for St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus:**

Almighty God, from the house of Your servant David You raised up Joseph to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and the husband of His mother, Mary. Grant us grace to follow the example of this faithful workman in heeding Your counsel and obeying Your commands; through Jesus Christ, 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)**

**708**

**Looking forward to Oculi Sunday— The Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 20, 2022**

**Hymns: 604, 659, 755, 583, 882, 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.