

# The Congregation at Prayer

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

**Catechesis Notes for the Week—Why Are Guests Asked to Speak with the Pastor before Communing?**—There are two reasons why guests are asked to speak with the Pastor before going to the Lord's Supper. First, it is the responsibility of the pastor to examine the confession of faith of those who come to the Altar. Our concern is that they know their sin, they trust in Christ alone for salvation, and they believe that He is giving them His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament. "Worthy reception" of the Sacrament requires such faith. Second, the Lord's Supper is not merely an individual Christian in communion with his Lord; it is also the declaration that the communicant believes and confesses the faith with the church in that place. The external teaching and confession of the church that we belong to are important because the external Word and sacraments nurture and sustain that saving faith.

## 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.

### Invocation

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

### Apostles' Creed

#### Verse of the week: John 1:14

**"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."**

#### Psalm 22 and/or the appointed daily psalms as listed below

Prayer on the Psalm: Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; 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

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

Where is this written? The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:	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 +
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: <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.	First Grade +

#### Readings for the Week of the Second Sunday in Lent

Day	Bible Stories for the Family and Academy	Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sunday	<b>Peter's Confession/Jesus Predicts His Death—Mark 8:27-38</b>	Gen. 16:1-9, 15-17:22	Mark 6:1-13
Monday	The People Crave Meat – Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34	Gen. 18:1-15	Mark 6:14-34
Tuesday	The Feeding of the Five Thousand – John 6:1-21	Gen. 21:1-21	Mark 6:35-56
Wednesday	Jesus Is the Bread from Heaven – John 6:22-44	Gen. 22:1-19	Mark 7:1-23
Thursday	Jesus Is Rejected by His Own – John 6:47-69	Gen. 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
Friday	Review	Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67	Mark 8:1-21
Saturday	Catch Up on Readings or Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings	Gen. 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38

**Prayers: Collect for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Victory in Christ**

**Collect for the week of Second Sunday in Lent:**

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.

**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 sacraments 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 at Victory in Christ this Week**

**Healing**

*Al Culberson, Barbara Cole, Suzanne Richardson, Dante Pelligrino, Rachel Moreland, Joy Kroeger, Tina Sawall, Peg Munson, Diane Goains, Richard Schroeder, Jack Teague, Jacob Brewer, Orrion McJimsey, Debbie Drovwall, Joe Schober, Gordon Munson, Jenny Jones, Eugene Kroeger*

**Strength**

**Our Shut-ins**

**Employment**

**Peace and Comfort**

*The family and friends of Roy Hawbaker, who passed away this week, the Rice Family and the King Family*

**Expectant Mothers**

**Military and Over Seas**

*Kyle Rohloff*

**College Students**

*Gabrielle Funke, Hailey Richardson, Jared Rohloff, Logan Rohloff, Ben Schielke, Jacob Schielke, Gina Visingardi*

**Seminarian**

*John Schober*

**Blessings**

**Mission / Ministries**

*Our Academy and the missions we support*

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

**Hymn of Week**

**"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"**

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