

Congregation in Prayer Jan 31, 2016

“And I will show you a still more excellent way.” The more excellent way is Christ’s love. What is love? It is this that God gave His only son to die. So, we go back to the cross for that is where our love is formed. For the love God in Christ Jesus changes our love. [Jeremiah 1:4–10; 1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13; Luke 4:31–44]

The Order of Meditation and Prayer for Daily Use

(Pray and confess out loud as much of the Order of Meditation as possible)

Theme for the Week: A still more excellent way.

Invocation (Spoken while making the sign of the cross to remember your baptism)
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostle’s Creed

Learn by Heart Verse (Practice saying this verse word for word, out loud, throughout the day)

1 Corinthians 10:16 (ESV) The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>How can water do such great things?</p> <p>Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism.</p>	<p>First Grade+</p>
<p>But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)</p>	<p>Third Grade+</p>

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit—Luke 4:31-44
Tuesday	King Josiah of Judah—2 Chronicles 34:1-28
Wednesday	Jeremiah the Priest Is Called to Be a Prophet—Jeremiah 1:1-19

Thursday	King Josiah Restores the Worship—2 Chronicles 34:29-33
Friday	King Josiah Celebrates the Passover—2 Chronicles 35:1-27
Saturday	Looking ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer: Fifth Sunday of the month

Sunday: Pray that lives are being transformed through Word and Sacrament ministry here at Our Savior congregation. Pray for those with special needs in your family and in our congregation.

Monday: Pray for prisoners incarcerated in our community, that they would come to know Christ and have their lives transformed. Pray for their families, especially for their children.

Tuesday: Pray for those who have lost hope because of dysfunction in their lives or those around them.

Wed: Pray for those in your extended family; for marriages, for families to live in Christ's love and forgiveness with each other, for any special concerns with in your own family.

Thursday: Pray for our sister congregations, St Peter and Hope Lutheran. Pray for their pastors. Pray for our District and Synod and their leaders.

Friday: Pray for those who are suffering because of health or because of their faith. Pray that the Lord will sustain them in their hour of need.

Saturday: Pray for society's castoffs: runaways, street people, prostitutes, the mentally ill, victims of human trafficking that they might have their lives restored to them. Pray for the healing that they will need to return to a healthy and productive existence.

Lord's Prayer

Going with God's Blessing

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Looking Ahead (Take a look at the readings for next Sunday)

Deut. 34:1-12

Heb. 3:1-6

Luke 9:28-36