

Congregation in Prayer January 15, 2017

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of sinners. Follow in the footsteps of Andrew and Peter, men who knew their sins and turned to the Lamb when called by the Word. [Isaiah 49:1–7; 1 Corinthians 1:1–9; John 1:29–42]

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: Behold, the Lamb of God!

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)

Matthew 7:7–8 (ESV) 7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>What is Baptism?</p> <p>Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.</p> <p>Which is that word of God?</p> <p>Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19)</p>	<p>First Grade+</p>
<p>What benefits does Baptism give?</p> <p>It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.</p> <p>Which are these words and promises of God?</p> <p>Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)</p>	<p>Third Grade+</p>

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Esau Comes to Meet Jacob—Genesis 32:1-21
Tuesday	Jacob Wrestles with God—Genesis 32:22-32
Wednesday	Jacob and Esau Meet—Genesis 33:1-11
Thursday	Jacob Returns to Bethel—Genesis 35:1-15
Friday	Jacob Returns to Isaac His Father—Genesis 35:16-20, 22b-29
Weekend	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray for those are prevented from gathering for worship: those who live in areas where persecution is strong; those who do not have a Christian church nearby; those who are homebound; those whose work keeps them away from worship.

Monday: Pray for the salvation and well-being of your neighbors; for our Lutheran schools, colleges, and seminaries; for those who serve as teachers, healthcare workers, police and firefighters; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: Pray for your personal life of faith: that you would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, that the fruit of the Spirit would be evident in your life and relationships, that your attitudes, your reactions, and your choices would reflect your faith in Christ.

Wed: Pray for the mission of our congregation: to bring people hope, healing and new life through Jesus Christ. Pray about practical ways for you personally to join Jesus in His mission.

Thursday: Pray for your pastors. Pray for protection for them from the attacks of the enemy. Pray for their influence for Christ in the congregation and in the community. Pray that they are able to finish strong and remain faithful to the end.

Friday: Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Church Charities: for their comfort dog ministry; for their Lutheran Emergency Response Teams (LERT) that deploy when disasters happen here and around the country.

Saturday: Pray for the witness of you and your family to those God brings across your path. Pray for eyes to see the opportunities the Lord gives you to talk to others about Jesus or to serve them in His name.

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)

Is. 9:1-4

1 Cor. 1:10-18

Matt. 4:12-25