

Congregation at Prayer March 19, 2017

Lent is a penitential season in which we consider our sins that led Jesus to the cross. These are the sins for which we repent and confess. Lent is, at the same time, a season in which we are more aware of God's grace to us in Christ Jesus. For this we give thanks and rejoice! [Ex 17:1-7; Rom 5:1-8; Jn 4:5-26]

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: Hope in Jesus

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)

Psalm 26:8 (ESV) O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>The First Commandment You shall have no other gods.</p> <p>The Second Commandment You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.</p> <p>The Third Commandment Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</p>	1st +
<p>What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors</p> <p>The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14</p> <p>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. Gal. 6:6–7</p> <p>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." 1 Tim. 5:17–18</p>	4 th +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	A House Divided Cannot Stand—Luke 11:14-28
Tuesday	St. Matthew Passion: Palm Sunday—21:1-17
Wednesday	St. Matthew Passion: Jesus Is Anointed—26:2-16
Thursday	St. Matthew Passion: Jesus Celebrates the Passover—26:17-35
Friday	St. Matthew Passion: Jesus Prays in the Garden 26:36-56
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)

Isa 42:14-21; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9: