



The Congregation at Prayer

for the Week of Easter 5

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Chapel Schedule with Daily Lectionary Readings

Sun. May 2	Mon. May 3	Tues. May 4	Wed. May 5	Thurs. May 6	Fri. May 7	Sat. May 8
Easter 5 Cantate Athanasius 8:00 a.m. Spoken Divine Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Div. Service Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27 Luke 11:37-54	Lev. 21:1-24 Luke 12:1-12	Friedrich Wyneken NO MATINS Pastors' Conference Lev. 23:1-22 Luke 12:13-34	Frederick the Wise 9 am Matins 8 pm LCMS U Bible Study Lev. 23:23-44 Luke 12:35-53	9 am Matins 11 am Div. Service 12 pm Table Talk 3 pm Bible Study Lev. 24:1-23 Luke 12:54—13:17	C. F. W. Walther 8:30 am C & A 9 am Matins Lev. 26:1-20 Luke 13:18-35	Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44 Luke 14:1-24

The Order for Daily Prayer

OPENING

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

O Lord, ☩ open my lips.

And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, ☩ to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

❖ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

PSALM OF THE WEEK 66 (Antiphon v. 5)

BIBLE VERSE

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." — *Psalm 110:1*

CATECHISM – Table of Duties- To Parents and To Children

⁴Fathers do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

²"Honor your father and mother" —which is the first commandment with a promise — ³that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Eph 6:1-3

SCRIPTURE READING (See daily lectionary above.)

COMMENTARY ON THE BIBLE VERSE

In this psalm David reflects upon conversation within the Godhead between the Father and the Son. This passage predicted Jesus' ascension to the right hand of God the Father. Because of His faithful work to redeem us, God the Father placed all the enemies of sin, Satan, and death under Jesus' feet. The reference to a "footstool" (where the Redeemer places his feet) brings to mind the first promise of the Gospel in Genesis 3:15. The Seed of the Woman would crush the serpent's head, and the serpent would bruise His heel. Trampling and crushing with the feet underscores an important "Redeemer theme" that is found throughout the Scriptures.

(*Lutheran Catechesis, Catechist Edition*; 118a)

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION

To Parents and Children

The admonition against "exasperating" or "provoking the children to wrath" is a warning to Christian parents that they are not to allow the law to predominate in the rearing of their children, lest their children become embittered or despair of their parents' love. As important as the law is in maintaining discipline, for Christian parents it is never an end in itself. They use the law's admonition also for the sake of the Gospel, that they might bring about repentance and faith in God's mercy.

Obedience and honor are not reserved for parents who always do the right thing or who have "earned" the respect of their children. The Gospel teaches us to honor our parents especially when they *do not* deserve such honor, because this is what God has done for us in Christ. To "obey your parents in the Lord" underscores that, for Christian children, it is precisely our faith in the Lord Jesus that governs our honor and obedience toward our sinful parents. (*Lutheran Catechesis*; 378-79)

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice *LSB 556 st. 1*

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in ✠ *Jesus Christ*, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through ✠ *Jesus Christ*, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through ✠ *Jesus Christ*, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through ✠ *Jesus Christ*, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

COMMENTARY ON THE HYMN OF THE WEEK

Author of Hymn: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Translation: Richard Massie (1800-87)

The origins of Luther's hymn have often been identified with his personal experience in "discovering" the Gospel. It may be more accurate to say that this hymn is not so much reflective of Luther's personal experience as it is of the doctrine of justification revealed in Scripture and grounded in the life of every Christian.

Viewed through the lens of the Reformation doctrine of justification, the following outline emerges:

SECTION THEME	STANZA	STANZA THEME
Introduction	1	Justification: the source of Christian joy
The sinner <i>coram deo</i> (<i>before God</i>).	2	The sinner and original sin
	3	The sinner and unrighteous deeds
The grace of God in Christ	4	The Father's mercy from Eternity
	5	The Father's gracious sending of His Son
	6	The Word become flesh
The basis of justification and its appropriation	7	The "joyous exchange"
	8	Calvary's benefits received in faith
The Spirit and the Means of Grace	9	The Promise of the Spirit
	10	The Means of Grace

(Jon D. Vieker, *LSB Comp. to Hymns Vol. 1 p.584-5*)

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick, Injured: Joyce Andresen, Carla Crosby, Carol Faber, Danielle Mason, Winny Neessen, Dennis Adolphs, Marv Farr, Clyde Wilson (Zach Wilson's father), Charlotte DeVries (Kevin's mother), Lora Carter (Bob & Betty Boomgarden's daughter -in-law), Todd Hafner (Jenna Kleiss's uncle) Ron Peters (Carolyn Macomber's brother), Kason Judisch (Friend of Lilleskovs), Noah Schultz (friend of Sharkeys) Nicholas Taylor (friend of Schroeders)

Shut-ins: Orlan Ott, Lil Lonergan, Carla Crosby, Dorothea Berning, Phylis Fett, Nellie Peterman

Birthdays: Talia Simmer (Mon., May 3), Brilas Kleiss (Fri., May 7), Kaylee Sires (Sat., May 8)

Anniversaries:

Special Petitions: Matthew Hosford – deployed.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"[Children] should remember that however lowly, poor, frail, and strange their parents may be, nevertheless, they are the father and the mother given to them by God." - *Large Catechism (Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions; 371)*