

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Reminiscere (The Second Sunday in Lent)

March 1st through March 7th, 2026

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 to which we belong is important, because it is the external Word and sacraments which 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 use as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: Faith Rests Confidently in God’s Promise

Invocation

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



Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Psalm 121 (antiphon: v. 1-2)—Pray the Psalm Daily

Prayer on the Psalm: *O Lord Jesus, teach us to look to You in faith at all times and to believe, with certainty, that You will preserve us from all evil, that we might know the consolation of Your eternal love and protection, in Your holy name we pray. Amen.*

The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar—Review Part I and “Who receives this Sacrament worthily?”

<p><i>What is the Sacrament of the Altar?</i> It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.</p>	First Grade +
<p><i>Where is this written?</i> The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “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.”</p>	Second Grade + Kindergarten +
<p><i>Who receives this sacrament worthily?</i> Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” 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.</p>	Second Grade +

Prayer for Worthy Reception of the Sacrament of the Altar: Heavenly Father, You teach me that fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training before receiving the Lord's Supper, but that I am truly worthy and well prepared if I have faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Give me truly repentant faith that, confessing my sins and trusting in the merits of Jesus alone, I might worthily receive His body and blood, so that I find joy and comfort in Christ alone and also learn from Him to love You and my neighbor; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Prayer Before Receiving the Lord's Supper: Lord God, heavenly Father, I come to the altar at Your invitation to receive the holy body and the precious blood of my Savior Jesus Christ. I confess to You all my sins. I am heartily sorry for them. For Jesus' sake, I forgive my enemies and all who have sinned against me. I believe that You give me the forgiveness of sins and the gift of new life and salvation through the body and blood of my Savior. Through the Lord's Supper strengthen my faith in Christ, increase my love for others, grant me faithfulness in my vocation, and give me the joyous hope and confidence of eternal life and salvation in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings for the week of Reminiscere

Day	First Reading	Second Reading
Monday	The Exodus—Exodus 12:31-42	John 10:31-42
Tuesday	Israel Journeys to the Red Sea—Exodus 13:17-14:9	John 11:1-16
Wednesday	The Lord Fights for Israel—Exodus 14:10-31	John 11:17-37
Thursday	The Song of Moses—Exodus 15:1-19	John 11:38-44
Friday	Bitter Water Made Sweet—Exodus 15:22-27	John 11:45-57
Saturday	Lent 3: Exodus 8:16-24	Ephesians 5:1-9

Prayers: Collects for the Week; Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Peace

Collect for Reminiscere:

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.

In Our Prayers this Week (See Bulletin)

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

Hymn of the Week

When in the Hour of Deepest Need (st. 1-3)

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Looking forward to the Week of Oculi (The Third Sunday in Lent)

March 8th, 2026

Hymns: 504, 659, 617, 622, 524, 566, 565, 568, 917

Exodus 8:16-24: The power of Satan (the power behind Egypt's sorcerers), can at times, seem impressive. But it is no match for the power of Him who created Satan. Those who oppose the LORD and His people will receive His wrath and punishment. But that is His alien work and it is always done so that His enemies would turn and be saved. The love of God in Christ Jesus is more powerful than all His enemies.

Ephesians 5:1-9: What does it mean to "walk in love"? This is a reference to living by faith in the love of Christ. To live by faith in His grace is to live the life that flees from sin in repentance and confession, hears and trusts in God's absolution for Christ's sake, and, by the grace and Spirit of God, lives in love toward other sinners.

Luke 11:14-28: This Gospel teaches of the great power of Satan and all his evil demons. They are enemies of God, enemies of faith, and enemies of God's Word. All who are not believers in Christ are in the kingdom of Satan. When one is baptized he becomes an enemy of Satan twice over because he now belongs to Christ. There is nothing that Satan desires more than to rob us of our faith in Christ. In the parable that Jesus tells, He is the stronger Man who binds Satan and casts him out of the house. He does this by His Saving Word. Nothing is more necessary for the Christian in Satan's attacks against his faith than the strong Word of Christ. Those who cling to Christ's Word in preaching, catechesis, repentance, and faith have nothing to fear from Satan. We have Jesus' promise against our arch enemy: "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!" To cling to His Word is safety, protection, and eternal life.