

# The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of the Second Sunday of Easter

Beginning April 11, 2021

**Theme:** “*The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life*”\*

(Congregation speaks non-italic boldface text)

## **Invocation**

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

**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.\*\*\*

**Verse:** Romans 8:28 (ESV): “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

## **Psalm: 113**

### **The Catechism: The Table of Duties---Of Citizens\*\***

What is Matthew 22:21? <b>Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.</b>	<i>First Grade +</i>
What is Romans 13:5-7? <b>It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes, if revenue, then revenue, if respect, then respect, if honor, then honor.</b>	<i>Third Grade +</i>
What is 1 Timothy 2:1-3? <b>I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior.</b>	<i>Second Grade +</i>
What is Titus 3:1? <b>Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.</b>	<i>First Grade +</i>
What is 1 Peter 2:13-14? <b>Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.</b>	<i>Fourth Grade +</i>

## *Readings for Easter 2*

<i>Day</i>	<i>Bible Narrative</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>
Sunday	<i>The Lord Appears in the Upper Room—John 20:19-31</i>	
Monday	<i>The Resurrection—Mark 16:1-8</i>	<i>Job 19:23-27</i>
Tuesday	<i>The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-27</i>	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>
Wednesday	<i>Jesus Is Revealed in the Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:28-35</i>	<i>Acts 13:26-33</i>
Thursday	<i>Jesus Eats Broiled Fish in the Upper Room—Luke 24:33-49</i>	<i>Acts 3:11-21</i>
Friday	<i>Jesus Ordains the Apostles—John 20:19-31</i>	<i>1 John 1:1—2:2</i>
Saturday	<i>I Will Search for My Sheep—Ezekiel 34:11-16</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:21-25</i>

**Prayers:** Collect for Easter 2: “Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**”\*\*\*

**The Table of Duties:** Heavenly Father, thank you for all those in government who are faithful in their calling to punish evildoers and command those who do right. Grant wisdom, integrity, and faithfulness to all those in government that we may lead peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. Grant that those in authority would not attempt to hinder the proclamation of Your Word. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

### *Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism*

**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.\*\*

**The Hymn of the Week:** “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”      LSB 458 (stanzas 1, 4, and 5)

<i>Looking forward to the Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>April 18, 2021</i>
<b>Readings:</b> Ezekiel 34:11–16 1 Peter 2:21–25 John 10:11–16	
<b>Theme:</b> “The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep”*	

**Lectionary Summary:** “Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). ‘For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls’ (1 Peter 2:25).”\*

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\*Themes and lectionary summary provided by [www.lcms.org/worship/lectionary-summaries](http://www.lcms.org/worship/lectionary-summaries). Last accessed 05/19/2020.

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