

The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Beginning March 29, 2020

*Theme: Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life.**

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)

“But [the Lord] said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Psalm 130

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments and the Table of Duties---Of Civil Government**

<p><i>What are the first three Commandments?</i></p> <p>You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>Table of Duties---Of Civil Government</i></p> <p><i>What is Romans 13:1-4?</i></p> <p>Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.</p>	First Grade +
<p>Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.</p>	Second Grade +
<p>For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.</p>	Third Grade +
<p>For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.</p>	Fourth Grade +

Readings for the Week of the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Day	Reading
Sunday	Lent 5: John 11:1-45
Monday	Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest—John 18:1-27
Tuesday	Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—John 18:28-40
Wednesday	Midweek Penitential Psalm: Psalm 130
Thursday	Jesus Is Crucified—John 19:1-24
Friday	Jesus Side Is Pierced—John 19:25-42
Saturday	Prepare for Palm Sunday - John 12:12-19, Matthew 26:1-27:66

Prayers:

Collect for the Week of the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer on the Catechism

Table of Duties: Heavenly Father, You give civil government for our good. Grant that we may obey the governing authorities insofar as they do not command us to act contrary to your Word. Give us faithful and devout rulers who govern with wisdom and justice. **Amen.**

Collect in Time of Pestilence

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our wickedness and live. Graciously behold Your people who plead to You and spare us. Withdraw the scourge of Your wrath and be moved in mercy to turn away this pestilence from us; for the sake of 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

For all affected by COVID-19, healthcare workers, government.

For an increase in faith and love among believers during this pandemic.

That the unrepentant would confess their sin, believe in Christ for forgiveness, and be united to Christ through baptism in His holy body, the Church.

(Consider praying the Litany on page 288 of Lutheran Service Book)

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

The Hymn of the Week: “My Song is Love Unknown” LSB 430

Looking forward to Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a
Philippians 2:5–11
John 12:12–19
Matthew 26:1—27:66 or Matthew 27:11–66 or John 12:20–43

Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified

“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming.” He comes in gentle humility, “sitting on a donkey’s colt,” yet also as the King of Israel “in the name of the Lord” (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service “to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face “from disgrace and spitting” (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that “after his resurrection” we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52–53).*

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