

The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of Quinquagesima

Beginning February 14, 2021

*Theme: "Faith Alone"**

(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:* 1 Corinthians 10:16 (ESV): "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"**

Psalm: 107:17-32

The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar**

What is the Sacrament of the Altar? 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.	<i>First Grade +</i>
Where is this written? The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark Luke, and St. Paul write:	<i>Second Grade +</i>
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."	<i>Kindergarten +</i>

Readings for the week of Quinquagesima

Day	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Quinquagesima —Jesus Gives Sight to a Blind Man—Luke 18:31-43	
Monday	Love for the Brother—1 John 4:7-21	
Tuesday	The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life—Genesis 2:4-17	John 1:1-14
Wednesday	Man Eats the Forbidden Fruit—Genesis 3:1-24	1 Corinthians 11:17-26
Ash Wed.	Nineveh Repents in Sackcloth—Jonah 3:1-10	Matthew 6:16-21
Thursday	The Passover—Exodus 12:1-14, 17	Matthew 26:17-30
Friday	The Wedding in Cana of Galilee—John 2:1-11	1 Corinthians 10:14-21
Saturday	The Fall into Sin—Genesis 3:1-21	Hebrews 4:14-16

Prayers: Collect for Quinquagesima: O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.*****

Sacrament of the Altar: Heavenly Father, we give thanks that Your dear Son has given us His true body and blood for us Christians to eat and to drink. Grant that we may earnestly desire and worthily receive this Sacrament, not trusting in our own merits but solely in the merit of Christ our Savior, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, **Amen.**

The following: Russell Sponseller; Erik, Katie, Ethan, and Emily Todd; Gordon and Sarah Truex; James and Sandra Trumbower; Johanna VanOpstal; Abraham, Kari, Luke, and Owen Wallis; Thelma Yager.

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: “O Lord, We Praise Thee” LSB 617

Looking forward to the First Sunday in Lent (Invocavit)	February 21, 2021
Readings: Genesis 3:1–21 or 1 Samuel 17:40–51 2 Corinthians 6:1–10 or Hebrews 4:14–16 Matthew 4:1–11	
Theme: “Jesus Does Battle in Our Place”*	
Lectionary Summary: “In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).”*	

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*Themes and lectionary summary provided by www.lcms.org/worship/lectionary-summaries.

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