

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 66:10-11; Psalm 122:1-2, 6, 8**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad with her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may feed and be | satisfied*
with the consolation of her | bosom.
I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go into the house | of the Lord.”
Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem:*
“May they prosper who | love you.”
For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will | now say,*
“Peace be with- | in you.”

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Matthew 6:33**

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we implore You that we, who do worthily deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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1. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest Friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee,
Naught I ask beside Thee.

2. In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Every heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.



“He Suffered the Worldliness of Sinners”

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE 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.

3 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. 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. 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.



THEME OF THE WEEK: He Suffered the Worldliness of Sinners

God gives us everything we need to support this body and life. These are good gifts from our good and merciful Father. But our sinful flesh often desires the gift more than the giver. Idolatry takes other forms, too. When we attempt to make God into something He's not, we're creating an idol and slapping God's name upon it. This is why Jesus teaches us to pray that God's Name would be kept holy among us. Through the teaching of God's Word in truth and purity, we learn who God truly is and what He has done for us in Christ. Through the power of the Gospel then, God teaches us to confess Him rightly and live in accordance with His Word.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 6:1-15: Jesus: The Giver and the Gift

Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 (plus the women and children who were most certainly present) recalls the manna in the wilderness God gave to Israel on their way to the Promised Land. God gave Israel and the people bread to eat out of His divine goodness and mercy, but they rejected Him in favor of the bread when they sought to make Jesus their bread king. They wanted a vending machine, not a Savior. Here, God wants to show us that He is the giver of the bread. As we pray in the 4th petition of the Lord's Prayer, He causes us to realize this, so that we might thank Him rightly. *Heavenly Father, give us this day our daily bread. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 16:2-21: Grumbling Stomachs, Grumbling Hearts

They were hungry, and they could only think about how they were always full in Egypt—no matter how bad the slave masters treated them. In their grumbling against Moses, they had forgotten Who it was that gave them food in the first place. Moses' reminder that their grumbling was against God was borne out in their failure to gather only what God commanded. Their bellies were their gods! Nevertheless, God, in His mercy, fed the people with manna. Likewise, God gives bread to us, even though we do not deserve it. By grace, He gives us every good thing. *Lord, open Your hands and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:21-31: Slaves and Sons

God's law requires that sinners eat bread by the sweat of our brows (Gen. 3:19). We cower under the threat of the Law as long as we are enslaved to sin. But in Holy Baptism, God looses the shackles of sin and sets us free. The Heavenly Jerusalem—the Church—is now our true mother, and God becomes our Father. Through the power of His Word, God nourishes us, His dear children, both in body and soul. Even though we may face persecution and death in this life, even as our Lord Jesus did, God will not cast us—His children—aside. *Heavenly Father, bless us, and these Thy gifts, which we receive through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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WED

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 147: He gives to the beasts their food

God is powerful, upholding the universe by His almighty Word, but our Old Adam wants to believe that he is in control of his own destiny. This leads us to believe that we earn the daily bread that sustains our bodies. But God does not delight in our strength, which pales in comparison even to God's weakness. When we thank God for daily bread, He reminds us that He gives us everything to support our bodies and lives by grace. If He feeds even the beasts of the fields and the young ravens when they cry, He will certainly fill up any lack that we might have. *O Lord, we praise You for your steadfast love shown to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:25-34: Don't be anxious!

Never tell a woman not to worry—unless you're God, that is. We are consumed by the needs of the body—food, drink, clothing, home, and health. In the Sermon on the Mount, however, Jesus calls us to realize that the same God Who provides food for the penny-priced birds (Mt. 10:29) and glorious raiment for the withering grass (Is. 40:7-8) knows our needs. Not only did He create us, but in Christ, become one like us. Because of this, we are freed from these bodily concerns to seek after His kingdom and righteousness, which comes to us through Christ's Word and Sacraments. *Lord, give us our daily bread, so that we may live in godly peace, free from the cares and riches and pleasures of this mortal life. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 66:10-14: Nurse and be satisfied!

We are called to mourn our sins. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn. 1:8-9). In the absolution, God turns our mourning into joy. We move from fasting due to sin to being consoled and satisfied. It is God Himself who comforts us in the midst of suffering, causing us to flourish. Isaiah's beautiful picture of a mother with her newborn reminds us that all God gives us flows from our relationship with him that began at our new birth in the font. *O Lord, in Baptism, you claimed us as Your own. Remove all worldly desires from us, that we may praise You with a pure heart. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-4: Not by bread alone

We had this as our Gospel reading for the first Sunday in Lent. There, we were reminded of how Christ overcame the power of the tempter in order to free us from anything that would tempt us away from Him. This Lenten season, we again have the opportunity to engage in our own fast. Not to gain favor with God, but to discipline our sinful flesh. Through fasting and prayer, we remind our bodies that it is God who gives us daily bread, even as we live from the Word that He speaks to us. *O Lord, you give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. Send Your absolving Word to us, that it would bring us the forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*

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