

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Fifth Sunday in Lent, Judica
April 6 – April 12, AD 2025

Last week we heard about Christ feeding the thousands with only a few loaves of bread and small fish. And do you remember how much each of them got? They had as much as they wanted. And did they ask Jesus for this? No. He saw their need and met it before they even recognized it. Look around you. Do you have your daily bread? Did you ask for all of it? Did you give thanks for all of it? The answer, of course, is no. We are not grateful as we should be. And we are not good about asking our heavenly Father for anything that we need, including daily bread. But this is because our hearts are filled with doubts, whether we recognize it or not. Either we doubt God cares about what we are dealing with or that He will deal with us according to His mercy instead of our sin. Behold Christ, who rains down the mercy of God in abundance! Lay such worries aside and ask for your daily bread and everything else you need. Nothing expresses faith quite like asking God to do and be everything He has promised.

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

The Lord's Prayer: The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

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

APOSTLES' CREED

Psalm 145:8 – *The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Psalm 43

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (LSB 450)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, JUDICA

① SUNDAY	JOHN 8:42-59	
② MONDAY	JOHN 11:1-16	1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-9
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 11:17-37	1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11
④ WEDNESDAY	JOHN 18:28-38	ISAIAH 53:1-3
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 11:38-44	1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-28
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 11:45-57	1 PETER 3:13-22
⑦ SATURDAY	ZECHARIAH 9:9-12	PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

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.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Brandon Lowery (6), Cheryl Wildauer (6), Lucy Schwiesow (7).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Donovan Kieser (7), Tula Sheehan (8).
- Thanksgiving for the baptism of Lydia Layne Mallon, and for the confirmation of Joe Mallon.
- Tom Kun, as he retires from faithful service in the military
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Michael, Greg.
- Susan Dickson, Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Gary Sakko, Greg McClure, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Rush, JE Purcell, Dale Hackbart, Gloria Lawrence.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Palm Sunday (Palmarum) – April 13, 2025

Catechism: The Ten Commandments – Review of the Commandments

Hymns: 442, 438, 450, 634, 334, 420, 423

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26—27

