

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Jubilate
May 11 – May 17, AD 2025

Fathers, take special heed to the Lord's warning in the Conclusion to the Commandments: "punishing the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me." Whether you want to believe it or not, your sins can haunt your children. Your sins don't just affect you. If you lead your children away from Christ either intentionally or by neglecting the things of salvation and failing to bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord, you will reap what you have sown. God takes His commandments seriously because He takes true faith seriously. Each of us who are parents need to repent and seek the forgiveness of Christ for not having been faithful teachers as we have been charged to be by Christ. And in His forgiveness, God grant that we would rejoice in the rich promise of God that He will pour out His grace upon a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments and teach our children to walk in the way of faith in Christ.

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 Ten Commandments – The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments. (Ex. 20:5-6)

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him, and gladly do what He commands.

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 37:5 – *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.*

Psalm 107

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"This Joyful Eastertide" (LSB 482)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, JUBILATE

① SUNDAY	JOHN 16:16-22	
② MONDAY	ACTS 1:12-26	ISAIAH 52:7-10
③ TUESDAY	ACTS 2:1-13	GENESIS 11:1-9
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 2:14-21	ISAIAH 43:5-13
⑤ THURSDAY	ACTS 2:22-36	PS. 68:18-20, 32-35
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 2:37-47	ISAIAH 58:1-2, 6-9
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 12:1-6	JAMES 1:16-21

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Michael Wueller (12), Sommer Starr (15)
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Sommer Starr (11), Kaye Hartfield (14), Matt Gefaller (15).
- Patti Ellis, for upcoming medical testing.
- 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, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, JE Purcell, Gene Obenhaus.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cantate – May 18, 2025

Catechism: The Ten Commandments – Conclusion of the Commandments

Hymns: 482, 556, 768, Pg 155, 458, 480, 490

Readings: Isaiah 12:1-6, James 1:16-21, John 16:5-15

