

FAITH IN THE WORD

**For the week of The Third Sunday of Easter, Misericordias Domini
May 4 – May 10, AD 2025**

It is a very common mistake that people make to think that keeping commandments four through ten is how we love God. “If I’m a good person and treat other people well then I have loved God and He will be pleased with me.”

But God has very specifically told us how we are to love Him. The second and third commandments give us very clear words about what we must do to love God. In the second commandment God commands that we use His name rightly. That means that we believe and teach and confess in His name only that which is true, only that which He has said. It also means that in every need, big or small, we pray and ask for His help, we praise Him for all that He has done for us, and give thanks for His mercies which are new to us every day. The third commandment directs us to God’s Word. His Word is to always be the most important and precious thing to us. We are to believe everything that God has spoken and conduct our lives according to it. We are to take the time to study His Word and learn it, to gather with His people to hear it. God’s Word is to be a daily presence in our lives, not just a sometimes or Sunday thing. If we are not doing these things, then we are not loving God and we are inviting His wrath. May Christ forgive us for failing to love Him as He has commanded and by His Holy Spirit lead us to faithfully use His name and devote ourselves to all that He has said.

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 Second and Third Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

① SUNDAY	JOHN 10:11-16	
② MONDAY	JOHN 21:1-14	1 PETER 1:3-12
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 21:15-25	1 PETER 5:1-11
④ WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 28:16-20	DANIEL 7:9-14
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 24:44-53	GENESIS 22:1-19
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 1:1-14	2 KINGS 2:1-15
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 40:25-31	1 PETER 2:11-20

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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.
- Gloria Lawrence, in thanksgiving for good test results.
- Pastor Ulmer and family as they travel.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Winston Tiro, Joseph Mallon.
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week. Allan and Cassandra Tiro.
- 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, Connie Dammann.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Jubilate – May 11, 2025

Catechism: The Ten Commandments – Conclusion of the Commandments

Hymns: 909, 483, 594, 683, 818, 482, 533

Readings: Isaiah 40:25-31; 1 Peter 2:11-20, John 16:16-22

