

# The Congregation at Prayer:

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*for the week of*

## Misericordias Domini

(April 14 through April 21)

### The Order of Meditation and Prayer

*Pray, confess, and read aloud as much from the Order of Meditation and Prayer as you are able, or as the size and age of your family members dictate. Strive to learn by heart the assigned verse, catechism excerpt, and hymn.*

#### Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Apostles' Creed

#### Psalmody

*Pray the appointed psalm for the week (33) as well as one or more of the appointed daily psalms listed below. Conclude with the psalm prayer.*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Morning:	53	55	57	59	61	63	65	67
Evening:	54	56	58	60	62	64	66	68

**W**e give you thanks, O Lord, for all the good that you have shown us from the days of childhood onward. Continue to multiply your mercies upon us, keep us in your fear and favor, cause us to walk in your praise, protect us from all enemies, both visible and invisible, and grant us, like Simeon of old, to depart in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Verse of the Week – John 1:1–2

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”

#### Catechism Excerpt – The Creed

*What is the Second Article of the Creed?* I believe 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.

*What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

Read one or both of the appointed readings for the day as listed below.

Sunday: Ezek 34:11–16 <i>Misericordias Domini</i> John 10:11–16	Wednesday: Exod 34:29–35:21 Luke 7:36–50	Saturday: Exod 40:17–38 Luke 8:40–56
Monday: Exod 33:1–23 Luke 7:1–17	Thursday: Exod 38:21–39:8 Luke 8:1–21	Sunday: Isa 40:25–31 <i>Jubilate</i> John 16:16–22
Tuesday: Exod 34:1–28 Luke 7:18–35	Friday: Exod 39:32–40:16 Luke 8:22–39	

## Hymn of the Month

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

## Prayer

### *Lord’s Prayer*

### *Collect for Misericordias Domini*

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. Amen.

### *Prayer from the Fathers*

You, almighty Ruler, did create all things for your name’s sake; and did give food and drink to men for their enjoyment, that they may give thanks unto you: but us you have blessed with spiritual food and drink, and life eternal through your Child; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~ The Didache

### *Prayers for Others and Ourselves*

Pray for the church of God, and for all people according to their needs, especially:

for those who require ongoing prayers:

Larry Helfers  
Shannon Ellis  
Gayle Crawford

for those who teach and learn at:

South Holt School District

for good health, healing, and recovery:

Steve Miller (friend of Ted Thurnau)  
Morris Martin (coworker of Kevin Wright)

for persecuted Christians in:

Bhutan, Mexico, and Egypt

for our brethren in faith and confession:

Chairman George Samiec and  
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England

### *Luther’s Morning or Evening Prayer (LSB 327)*

## Benediction

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.