

not into temptation, but ✠ deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

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.

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.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with us all.

Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *Judica* (Lent 5)

Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 43 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 8:42-59

Hymn of the Day *My Song Is Love Unknown* LSB 430

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Laetare* (Lent 4)

Sunday, March 22 *through* Saturday, March 28

“The Lord Feeds His People”

Isaiah 49:8-13; Galatians 4:21-31; John 6:1-15

The Lord provided bread from Heaven for His people in the wilderness (Exodus 16:2–21). Now, He who is Himself the Living Bread from Heaven miraculously provides bread for five thousand men plus women and children (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Galatians 4:21–31). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life (the body of Christ together with His precious blood), and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God’s people “**shall not hunger or thirst**” (Isaiah 49:8–13), for He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

INVOCATION *(make the sign of the holy cross and say)*

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

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 is seated 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.

PSALMODY *(sing or read out loud each day)*

Psalm 132

LEARN BY HEART LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 22:	Leviticus 19	Isaiah 24
	Galatians 4	Psalm 113
Monday, March 23:	Leviticus 20	Isaiah 25
	Galatians 5	Psalm 114
Tuesday, March 24:	Leviticus 21:1-22:16	Isaiah 26-27

	Galatians 6	Psalm 115
Wednesday, March 25:	Leviticus 22:17-33	Isaiah 28
	Ephesians 1	Psalm 116
Thursday, March 26:	Leviticus 23	Isaiah 29:1-30:17
	Ephesians 2	Psalm 117
Friday, March 27:	Leviticus 24	Isaiah 30:18-32:20
	Ephesians 3	Psalm 118
Saturday, March 28:	Leviticus 25	Isaiah 33-34
	Ephesians 4:1-16	Psalm 119:1-88

HYMN

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743

PRAYERS

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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