

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The First Sunday in Lent - Invocabit
February 18 – February 24, AD 2024

During Lent it is appropriate that we as Christians take up the practice of fasting, denying ourselves creaturely comforts so that we may learn to trust our Heavenly Father for all good things and train our flesh to resist temptation. Far too often we do exactly the opposite. We fast from the things of God so that we may fill our bellies with the things of the earth, things that do not satisfy and things that do not save, sometimes even things that are evil. For this we must repent and turn to the Lord Jesus who fasted from all evil things and who gave us that food which we should never fast from - the Holy Supper of Christ's Body and Blood, given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins. This food truly gives life. This food is the medicine of immortality for your body and your soul. God grant that we hear and believe and keep these words "Take, eat; drink of it all of you."

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.

Sacrament of the Altar:

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you: this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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 130:3-5 – ³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

Psalm 84

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (LSB 607)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctBQw5vOYuw>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - INVOCABIT

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 4:1-11	
② MONDAY	GENESIS 2:4-17	JOHN 1:1-14
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 3:1-24	1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-26
④ WEDNESDAY	MARK 1:35-45	
⑤ THURSDAY	EXODUS 12:1-14, 17	MATTHEW 26:17-30
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 2:1-11	1 CORINTHIANS 10:14-21
⑦ SATURDAY	ACTS 1:15-26	MATTHEW 11:25-30

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 sick and 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 in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves.
- Baptismal Birthdays: Tori Thibodeaux (19)
- Birthdays: Dony Reaves (18); Jamie Boeder (19); Kristie Messer (24)
- Robert Ulmer, Pastor's father, who has entered hospice care
- Brian Hendon's family, as they mourn the death of Brian's uncle, Don Hendon
- Thanksgiving for the birth of Xariyah Jayde Slade, born to William and Lyndsey Slade on Friday, February 9
- Alissa Ulmer, Franklin Fischer, Finley Miller, Ethan Sims, Robert Ulmer, Dony Reaves, Willow, Rush



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar: *Where is this written? (sung) What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Second Sunday in Lent - Reminiscere – February 25, 2024

Hymns: 876, 945, 615, 602, 745, 607, 655, 708

Readings: Genesis 32:22-32; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

