

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of Palmarum – Palm Sunday  
March 24 – March 30, AD 2024

One of the great challenges to Christ's Church in our day is the rejection of authority. We revel in the false notion that we are our own god - deciding who we are, what our responsibilities are, and what is right and wrong. But such false thinking only leads to chaos and heartache. God has ordered creation for our benefit and in that order is great joy and peace. In the Church, Christ exercises His authority through the pastoral office. Your pastor is commanded to watch over the well-being of your soul. He is to instruct you, guide you, exhort you, reprove you, and encourage you in Christ. A pastor who takes these responsibilities seriously is a great joy and blessing to you. Receive him with joy and submit yourself to his authority because it was given to him by Christ to be a blessing to you so that you might remain with Christ always. But if we rebel against this authority and imagine that our pastor is just there to tell us what we want and has no business correcting us when we speak or act wrongly or directing us to true doctrine and godly living, then we are robbing ourselves of a great treasure and rejecting the authority of Christ Himself. Christ forgive us for rejecting those in authority over us and help us to submit ourselves in faith to those whom He has placed over us, including our pastors.

## ***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.*

## ***Table of Duties***

***What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:17***

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. **Hebrews 13:17**

## 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

**1 Corinthians 11:26** – *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

### Psalm 4

### HYMN OF THE MONTH

**"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" (LSB 451)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSwV\\_vFZtk4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSwV_vFZtk4)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF PALMARUM PALM SUNDAY

① SUNDAY	MARK 14:1—15:47	
② MONDAY	JOHN 18:1-27 **	LAMENTATIONS 3:19-33
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 18:28-40	ISAIAH 52:4-10
④ WEDNESDAY	MARK 14:53-72	
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 19:1-24	PSALM 22
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 19:25-42	ISAIAH 52:13—53:12
⑦ SATURDAY	JOB 19:23-27	1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-57

\*\* MONDAY – THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD – LUKE 1:26-38

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same 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

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Joshan Savage (police officer), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), Elisabeth Handgraaf (paramedic), Will McCrillis, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Dony Reaves as he recovers from surgery.
- Aimee Hendon and her family as her parents struggle with life and faith issues
- Birthdays: Norah Gefaller, Sandra Traugott (26); Chloe Hackbart (28)
- Baptismal Birthdays: Gilbert Daughtrey, Phyllis Martin (28); Mike Wright (29)
- Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy
- Alissa Ulmer, Doug Drawe, Ethan Sims, Mary Hart, Christina Null



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

**Catechism:** Creed – Second Article

**The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024**

**Hymns:** 457, 458, 461, 487, Pg 155, 467, 617, 490

**Readings:** Job 19:23-27, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, Mark 16:1-8

