

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of Quasimodo Geniti, The Second Sunday of Easter
April 7 – April 13, AD 2024

It is good for us to hear again the God-given duties of those who are entrusted with ruling as we hold conversations in the upcoming months about who we should elect to serve in the various offices of our state and federal governments. As all authority is from God, it is to be used according to His will for His purposes. Those who govern are to be doing so in God's stead and by His command. He gives such authority to punish evil and uphold righteousness. As with any vocation, the vocation of civil governing cannot be carried out to its fullest if the one governing doesn't understand that they are God's agents who will answer to Him for how they use their authority. This is the standard by which we measure our rulers. They are to acknowledge and give glory to God and take His Word as the measure of what is true and good. Rulers are to be a terror to those who would rise up against their neighbor and deprive them of what God has given them. The government has been given the power of the sword to execute punishment on those who would take the life of their neighbor. Ruling is a very difficult task. Pray for those who have authority over you at all levels - city, county, state, and federal. Ask God to give them wisdom and strength to carry out their vocations faithfully. Honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them. And consider what authority God has given to earthly rulers as you think about who to vote for. Think about the good of your neighbor, from your children to the person across the street to the weakest among us. Think about the preaching of the Gospel and who will protect it. And pray that God would bless us with wise and faithful rulers so that the Word of God may go forth and His kingdom be spread to the ends of the earth.

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

Of Civil Government: Romans 13:1-4

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. **Romans 13:1-4**

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

2 Corinthians 8:9 – *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

Psalm 33

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands” (LSB 458)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPEU_9trNhk

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF QUASIMODO GENITI

① SUNDAY	JOHN 20:19-31	
② MONDAY	MARK 16:1-8	JOB 19:23-27
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 24:13-27	ACTS 10:34-43
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 24:28-35	ACTS 13:27-33
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 24:33-49	ACTS 3:11-21
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 20:19-31	1 JOHN 1:1—2:2
⑦ SATURDAY	EZEKIEL 34:1-16	1 PETER 2:21-25

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.
- Devon Jackson, friend of Gil Daughtrey, whose cancer has returned
- Jim Graff as he undergoes a stem cell transplant
- Baptismal Birthdays: Lucy Schwiesow (7)
- Birthdays: Tula Sheehan (8)
- Leah Savage and Rebekah Burns for protection of mother and child in pregnancy
- Alissa Ulmer, Doug Drawe, Ethan Sims, Mary Hart, Christina Null, Mark Traugott, Dony Reaves, Aimee and her parents Antonia and Frank, Jeff Ellis



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: Table of Duties – Of Citizens: Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:5-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14

Misericordias Domini, The Third Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024

Hymns: 464, 709, pg 155, 622, 740, 731, 465

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 1 Peter 2:21-25, John 10:11-16

