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# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

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*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*March 8-14, 2016*

## THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

*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. If able, the head of the home should take the role of "Leader" (L) and the family the role of "Group" (G). The whole family should try to learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

**Theme: *Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!***

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross ☩ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**L** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

### APOSTLES' CREED

### VERSE

*1 Corinthians 10:4*

**L** All drank the same spiritual drink.

**G** For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

### DAILY PSALM

*The leader may read the appointed Psalm for the day. If applicable, members of the family may take turns reading the Psalm for the Day.*

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Morning	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122,123	125,126	128,129
Evening	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127	130

### PSALM PRAYER

**L** O Lord, You never fail to hear and answer the prayers of Your children who call upon You in faith. Grant us to live in the joy of Your salvation all the days of our lives and to commend ourselves to you each day for the gift of quiet sleep and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** Amen.

<b>L</b> What is the Sacrament of the Altar?	
<b>G</b> It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.	First Grade +
<b>L</b> Where is this written?	
<b>G</b> The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:	Second Grade +
<b>G</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, <i>"Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."</i>  Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, <i>"Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."</i>	Kindergarten +

## DAILY READINGS

*In 2016, we will be working through a Harmony of the Four Gospels, following Jesus' birth, life, and death chronologically as the Gospels present it.*

	Bible Stories for the Family	Through the Bible in Two Years
<b>Tuesday</b>	The healing of a paralytic Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26	Luke 9
<b>Wednesday</b>	Christ calls Matthew Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:13-14; Luke 5:27-28	Luke 10
<b>Thursday</b>	The First Lesson for the Fourth Sunday in Lent Exodus 3:1-8b, 10-15	Luke 11
<b>Friday</b>	The Epistle Lesson for the Fourth Sunday in Lent 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 12
<b>Saturday</b>	The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday in Lent Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Luke 13
<b>Sunday</b>	A question about fasting Matthew 9:10-17; Mark 2:15-22; Luke 5:29-39	Luke 14
<b>Monday</b>	A Sabbath Controversy John 5	Luke 15-16

## PRAYERS

*Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent:*

**L** Almighty and eternal God, because it was your will that your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us and thus remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Daily Themes for Prayer

- Tuesday:** For the Church in our nation and throughout the world; for the congregations, clergy, laity, officers, teachers and students of theology of our synod; for church bodies of our fellowship around the globe; for organizations for men's, women's, and youth work. For children of the Church; for Christian education; for parish schools; for teachers and assistants.
- Wednesday:** For families, children, relatives, and friends; for Christian marriages; for the nurture of children in the gospel. For young people and young people's work in the church. For single people and their labor in the Lord. For households; for the men and women of the congregation.
- Thursday:** For our country and its people; for repentance, faith, love, honesty, and obedience to law; for unity, justice, and peace; for those in authority: the president, the congress, the governor, city officials, and all those who make and administer our laws; for our armed forces at home and abroad; for good citizenship. For the commerce, industry, and agriculture in our land. For all useful arts; for the right use of science and technology. For enemies; for the indifferent; for the lapsed.
- Friday:** For the suffering; for the poor; for the hungry and cold; for refugees; for prisoners; for the oppressed; for the mentally ill; for the despairing. For social workers; for chaplains; for doctors and nurses; for hospitals and other relief agencies. For those in the congregation who suffer: the aged, the sick, the dying, the bereaved, and the lonely.
- Saturday:** For the services tomorrow: for worshipers, listeners, and communicants. For other congregations, their services and ministers. Remembrance of the departed; preparation of the Church for the coming of Christ; remembrance of the brevity of life and of judgment to come; prayer for a blessed death.
- Sunday:** For the holy Christian Church and the congregation; that the blessing of worship and preaching may continue through the week; for the practice of family worship; for the baptized and communicants; for those absent from worship.
- Monday:** For the missions of the Church; for the proclamation of the gospel in all the world; for new and established churches; for organizations that promote and support missions and missionaries; for the raising up of leaders at home and abroad; for zeal in missions at home and open doors throughout the world; for oneness in Spirit and brotherly love. For fellow workers in the parish: Sunday school and Lutheran elementary school teachers, altar guild, musicians, elders, deaconesses, trustees, elected officers, leaders, and volunteers of every kind in the congregation. For one's own vocation and daily work; for the unemployed.

## In Our Prayers this Week

Our shut-ins, that they may be comforted in their loneliness by your gracious presence.

Oscar and Arleta Bauch, as they remember their confirmations this week, that they continue to remember the teachings they have learned and live a life in honor and praise of Jesus' name.

Jamie Scott, as he celebrates his birthday this week, that the Lord grant to him another year of blessing and grace.

Arleta Bauch and Roland Adelung, as they recover from health issues, in thanks that the Lord as allowed the seriousness to pass, and that He continues to provide peace through his Word and Sacraments.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**G** 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 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory ☩ forever and ever. Amen.

# LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

## Morning

**G** In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Evening

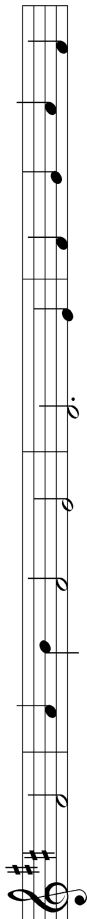
**G** In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

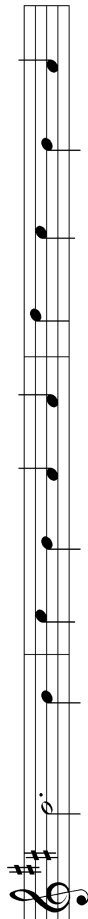
## HYMN OF THE DAY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*My Song is Love Unknown* | CW 110

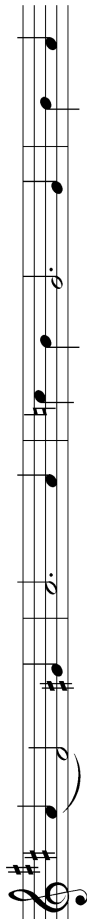
### LENT 110 My Song Is Love Unknown



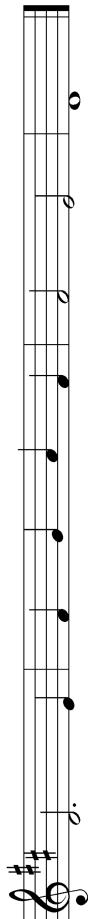
1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es  
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might  
stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for  
sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas  
spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the  
way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my  
Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -  
to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their  
blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at  
life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff'ring



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
deed, Who at my need His life did spend!  
breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.  
these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.  
goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;  
No story so divine,  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

<sup>1</sup> Luther, in his *Small Catechism*, encourages Christians who pray the Morning and Evening prayers: "In the morning when you get up and in the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross over your head and heart and say, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'"