

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 66:10-11; Psalm 122:1-2, 6, 8**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad with her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may feed and be | satisfied*
with the consolation of her | bosom.
I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go into the house | of the Lord.”
Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem:*
“May they prosper who | love you.”
For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will | now say,*
“Peace be with- | in you.”

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Psalm 139: 13-14a**

“For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we implore You that we, who do worthily deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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1. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest Friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee,
Naught I ask beside Thee.

2. In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Every heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash:
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.



“He Suffered the Worldliness of Sinners”

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY 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 sits 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.

3 PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: He Suffered the Worldliness of Sinners

Laetare — Rejoice. Lent is more than saying, “Oh what sinners we are!” Lent is also about rejoicing! “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her.” (Isaiah 66:10). We rejoice for the Lord is the One who feeds, not with manna that rots and spoils, but with Living Bread! The One who feeds is greater than Moses, for He takes away sins. Every Sunday, He gathers us to the mount of His altar where He feeds us with baskets overflowing with forgiveness, life, and salvation. He washes us in the sea of His blood poured out for us on the Cross of Calvary.

This will be ultimately fulfilled when He comes again and brings us to where we shall “neither hunger nor thirst.”

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 6:1-15 — Jesus Feeds the 5000

There was a belief among the Jews that the Christ would remain forever. Today Christ multiplies loaves and fishes. Twelve baskets full. They must have thought to themselves, ‘No one could stand before the nation of Israel.’ Behold our forever-king, our bread-king, our prophet-king. Jesus didn’t want to be known as a king according to His power but according to the weakness of the cross. Jesus is the “Beggar King” — donkey, purple robe, a crown of thrones, and wooden throne. There He rules by taking your judgment upon Himself and He gives you His body and blood in return. *Lord, teach us to give thanks for Your goodness. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 46 — The Lord of Hosts is with Us

Long before Psalm 46 was a Mighty Fortress for Dr. Luther, it was one of several psalms sung by pilgrims while approaching the city on a hill, Jerusalem the Golden. This was doubly true for those who were journeying to the Temple on the Feasts of Passover and Atonement. It was in these Psalms that the people of Israel would “tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.” His Word upon their lips and yours as you pray and sing this Psalm. “The Lord of hosts is with us,” and Jesus is His name. Rejoice. *Lord, help us sing Your praise. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:21-31 Two Mountains of Theology

St Paul uses Abraham and his sons to teach us about two different theologies. Two sons. Two theologies. One theology is the way of flesh, glory, sin, unbelief, and Law — the Theology of Glory. The other theology is the way of the spirit, cross, forgiveness, faith, and Gospel — the Theology of the Cross. We are by nature Theologians of Glory. We, like Abraham, are born in fleshly slavery to sin. But we don’t stay that way. The Spirit comes to us, washes us in bloody baptismal waters, and brings us to the cross of salvation.

Lord, keep us on the right mountain of Your cross. Amen.

WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:8-13 Rejoice in Lent

Rejoice, for the Lord has had compassion on His afflicted by sending His Son Jesus Christ. That is the theme of our Lenten rejoicing. Yes, we mourn over what sinners we are. We also rejoice that Jesus became just like one of us, except without sin, to save and redeem us. In Him, these promises of Isaiah 49 are fulfilled for peoples of all nations. “These from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.” Jesus came to travel the way of the Mount of Calvary first for the Jews and also for us Gentiles.

Lord, help us rejoice in Your gifts for the nations in Your Son. Amen.

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 6:36-51 Manna from Heaven

The Manna in the wilderness was not from Moses, but from God (vs 32). Jesus explains what this means. Jesus is the True Bread, true Manna, from heaven. Israel ate the manna in the wilderness and still died. Manna didn’t take away sins. It had no power to forgive. It prolonged a wandering life. Jesus takes away sins. He gives eternal life. Sent by the Father to take away the sins of the world — your sins. Seeing Him upon the cross we see the Father’s love. He is the Bread of Life, the greater Manna from heaven.

Lord, feed us with the manna that never spoils, Your Son’s body and blood. Amen.

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 1:2-11 What is the Christian Life?

The life of the Christian is one of repentance. In repentance, we flee to Christ for forgiveness, life, and salvation. We repent because we acknowledge our sinfulness and take Jesus seriously that we have been cleansed from our former sins. We confess that we have failed to do so and that we need help, lest we become so nearsighted to become blind as well. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to live a Christian life of faith and love.

Lord, help us live Christian lives. Amen.

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139 You are Formed by God

“For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” You are made by the creator of heaven and earth. You are saved by the Son who feeds you not with Manna from heaven but with His sacrificed, risen, and ascended body and blood. You are sanctified by the Holy Spirit, Who called you from a former way of life to the Christian life. Rejoice. You are precious to God.

Lord, help us remember that we are precious to You. Amen.