

11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

What does Baptism mean for daily living?:

It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever.

St. Paul writes in Romans 6

“We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

Prayer based on Holy Baptism the Fourth Question “What does Baptism mean for daily living?”

Heavenly Father, You have forgiven our sins, rescued us from death and the devil, and given us eternal life by Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your beloved Son. Strengthen our faith so that we daily put to death all sins and evil desires and, trusting Your sure promises, are raised to live before You in righteousness and purity. Finally, bring us to fulfillment of our Baptism in the resurrection of the body to life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. . Amen [from Luther’s Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 305]

13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- ⇒ For Carol Halderson coping with dementia
- ⇒ For Buff Peterson coping with pulmonary functioning
- ⇒ For Janet Sisul being cared for
- ⇒ For Lisa Cash in caring for her parents, Daniel and Marion

14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry LBW 36: *stnz 1* On Jordan’s banks the Baptist’s cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings! *Stnz 2* Then cleansed be every life from sin; Make straight the way for God within, And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there. *Stnz 3* We hail you as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward; Without your grace we waste away Like flowers that wither and decay.

For December 15, Third Sunday in Advent: **Isaiah 35:1-10** The wilderness will rejoice and blossom; **Psalms 146** “Praise the LORD, O my soul.”; **James 5:5-7** “Be patient ... until the coming of the Lord.”; **Matthew 11:2-15** Jesus speaks regarding John the Baptist.



The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of The Second Sunday in Advent
December 8 through December 14

1 INVOCATION - MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2 CONFESS THE APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord. He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended
into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father. He will come again to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic 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. We give thanks to you,
heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ
your dear Son, that you have protected
us through the night from all danger and
harm. We ask you to preserve and keep
us, this day also, from all sin and evil,
that in all our thoughts, words and deeds
we may serve and please you. Into your
hands we commend our bodies and souls
and all that is ours. Let your holy angels
have charge of us, that the wicked one
have no power over us. Amen.

Evening. We give thanks to you,
heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ
your dear Son, that you have this day so
graciously protected us. We beg you to
forgive us all our sins and the wrong
which we have done. By your great
mercy defend us from all the perils and
dangers of this night. Into your hands we
commend our bodies and souls and all
that is ours. Let your holy angels have
charge of us, that the wicked one have
no power over us. Amen

5 AT MEAL TIME ASK BLESSING THEN AFTERWARDS RETURN THANKS

Blessing before meal

“The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of every living creature.” [Ps. 145:15-16]

Lord, God, heavenly Father, bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Returning Thanks after meal

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. He gives food to all creatures. He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry. He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man; but the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.” [Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9-11]

We thank you, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

6 PRAY THE PSALMS

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	24, 150	122, 145	33, 146	50, 147:1-12	18:1-20, 147:13-21	102, 148	90, 149
Evening	25, 110	40, 67	85, 94	53, 17	126, 62	130, 16	80, 72

7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: Matthew 3:1-2

“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Theme of the Week: Repentance

8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

SUN

Amos 6:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12; Luke 1:57-68

MON

Amos 7:1-9; Revelation 1:1-8; Matthew 22:23-33

TUE

Amos 7:10-17; Revelation 1:9-16; Matthew 22:34-46

WED

Amos 8:1-14; Revelation 1:17--2:7; Matthew 23:1-12

THU

Amos 9:1-10; Revelation 2:8-17; Matthew 23:13-26

FRI

Haggai 1:1-15; Revelation 2:18-29; Matthew 23:27-39

SAT

Haggai 1:1-15; Revelation 2:18-29; Matthew 23:27-39

9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10 READ INTRODUCTION TO PORTION OF CATECHISM FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Baptism the Fourth Question “What does Baptism mean for daily living?” – There is a big difference between saying, “I am baptized,” and “I was baptized.” We should think and speak in terms of the former, that is, that “I am baptized.” Of course the rite of baptism is meant to be a one-time event that lies in our past. But the implications of this rite are ongoing. We easily discover this by the way the Apostle Paul addressed the matter in Romans 6 when he writes, “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” It is this newness of life that our being joined to Christ has made possible. If our baptism is no longer at work in our daily lives, we don’t need to be re-baptized. Instead we need to be called back to, and renewed in, our baptism. As Christians, we confess, “I am baptized - and now I have a daily battle, confessing my sins and drowning them, and also living the new life according to God’s goodness and love.” Baptism sets the rhythm for our daily lives through daily repentance.